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Baton charge: supporters attempt to prevent police from arresting Benazir Bhutto, the former prime minister, during yesterday's banned demonstration in Islamabad

Bhutto hit and banished

M CHRISTOPHER THOMAS in islamabad

BENAZIR Bhutto, the former Pakistani prime minister, was banned from the capital Is-lamabad and its sister city Rawalpindi for 30 days and removed to the southern city of Karachi after leading a mass protest march demanding a general election. Officials said she had not been arrested but taken into protective custody.

the march in Islam abad, Miss Bhutto and her supporters were charged by police wielding canes. Miss Bhutto took at least one hit but she was unburt. Tear gas canisters were fired at her vehicle. One of them hit it and one went through a window.

The Pakistan Army later took the extraordinary step of publicly rebuking the twoyear-old government of Na-waz Sharif, the prime minister. "It is amazing that a government which claims to have a two-thirds majority in the National Assembly can-

not handle this kind of agitation," a spokesman said. Mr Sharif justified the heavy-handed response to the demonstration by saying that Islamabad, the capital, could have been besieged. He described Miss Bhutto's march as "an act of rebellion" because she had intended to

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scize Parliament House.

Exam tables open up schools' closed shop

BY JOHN O'LEARY EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

MINISTERS shrugged off criticism yesterday of the first national publication of schools' examination results and hailed the government's largest postwar publishing parental choice.

An estimated E1.4 million has been invested in three million booklets covering each of the 108 local authority areas. The first part of a 93tonne consignment will reach public libraries and primary schools next week.

The education department's switchboard was jammed by parents wanting copies of the tables. They will be able to place orders from tomorrow through a freephone line (0800 211112).

John Patten, the education secretary, said: "Until today, comparative results have been the private preserve of local authorities which, with certain notable exceptions, seemed to believe that parents cannot be trusted to understand or use the figures wisely. This attitude is now permanently con-signed to the dustbin."

The tables detail the GCSE and A-level performance of all 4,400 state secondary schools in England, but the 260

Against widespread opposition from teaching professionals on the merits of publishing exam results parents are clamouring to know how schools have fared

represent only a those eligible. All schools will be required to participate next year, when attendance rates and the destinations of leavers will also be included.

The results were being released amid widespread opposition from parent groups, teacher unions and schools. Opponents fear that the tables will spark damaging competi-tion between schools without offering a true reflection of their quality, especially in de-prived areas. Mr Patten, however, dismissed any link between social background

and school results. Ministers have promised consultation on the development of a system that will take into account pupils' previous attainment and, possibly, so-cial background. Several teams of academics are engaged on similar exercises and the Association of Metropolitan Authorities will receive a "value-added" analysis of its

own results in the spring.

independent schools listed education spokesman. ministers' obs

ssion with tables showed their simplistic arroroach to education standards. "No parents should set too much store by raw results which cannot reflect the real achievements of schools. Unless viewed with caution, tables could unfairly damage the reputation of a school."

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat spokesman, said: "I am not opposed to the concept of giving parents information. but this is limited information that does not reflect the added value of what goes on in schools. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

Sir Malcolm Thornton, Conservative chairman of the all-party Commons education select committee, said he had less enthusiasm for league tables than had many of his colleagues. "While they are a useful guide to parents, they are not and should not be the sole criterion for a judgment on a school's performance." The prime minister, howev-

er, was said to regard the

publication of examination tables as the Citizen's Charter in action and the start of a government-inspired "infor-mation explosion". The figures raised some "interesting issues" that needed to be

The London boroughs of Harrow and Kineston troop Thames registered the best GCSE results, their perfor-mance bettered only by the single secondary school in the Isles of Scilly. Economically deprived inner cities dominated the lower end of the tables, with the London borough of Southwark in the bottom position.

Queen Mary's Grammar School in Walsall achieved the best combination of GCSE and A-level results. But Keith Howard, the head, said he feared that the tables were potentially misleading and he regretted the creation of a schools' pecking order. The school is a traditional boys' grammar, founded 1554. Mr Howard said: "We have a very wide social spread, including 17 per cent of pupils from

ethnic minorities. However, while 15 schools saw all their 15-year-olds achieve five GCSEs at grades A to C, fewer than one in 20 managed the same in a some comprehensives. At Nugent



Roman Catholic High School, in Liverpool, not one of the 46 pupils included in the survey took five A-C passes and almost half of the age group left without a single GCSE qualification.

All 4,600 schools' results are included in a supplement to today's Times. The schools have been ranked by local authority area, according to the proportion of pupils with five A-C grade GCSEs. Next year, the tables will include all 20,000 primary schools.

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Labour attack over Iraq arms

Ann Taylor, the Labour

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR is to stage a full day debate in the Commons on Monday to call ministers to account over their handling over the arms-to-iraq affair. The party's decision to put

ministers on the spot over the alleged "cover up" about the sale of defence equipment to Iraq in the months leading up to the Kuwait invasion, came as the prime minister's office admitted that guidance on exports to Iraq had changed in December 1988. John Smith, the Labour

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On Monday Robin Cook, trade and industry spokesman will try to pin down Michael Heseltine, his opposite number, on ministerial conduct over arms trading to Iraq since countries, including Britain, guidelines were announced by supplied Iraq with technology

Lord Howe in 1985. The motion tabled by Labour aims to set out all the questions to be covered by Lord Justice Scott's inquiry.
It points to a "clear breach"

of the 1985 guidelines which prevented the sale of arms related equipment, and questions why no statement was made to Parliament about a covert change in policy. The lengthy motion concludes by accusing the government of being "inconsistent with the security of British troops, with open government and with the just administration of legal process".

Downing Street earlier had to concede that the change in guidelines in 1988 had been revealed to the trade and industry select committee by a foreign office official in January 1992.

The row over Downing Street's latest admission came as the ministry of defence admitted in a Commons written reply that more than 20



Lord Scott no fixed idea on witnesses

which could have been used to make artillery or other weapons systems.

Earlier Lord Justice Scott said he saw no reason why police investigations into alleged inconsistencies in Alan Clark's evidence would hinder his own inquiry. Lord Scott said he had no fixed idea about who would be appearing as witnesses and that "it remains to be seen" whether he will call the former trade minister, Mr Clark.

Major accused, page 8

Euro-jargon leaves Prince speechless

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE Prince of Wales, in a certain sign that he is human after all, sat in on a session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg yesterday and appeared utterly baffled by the torrent of incomprehensible jargon flowing through his multi-lingual headset.

Sitting in the VIP section of the public gallery overlooking the debating chamber, the Prince chose to listen to a debate on the principle of subsidiarity, whose star performer was no less a luminary than Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission. As M Delors launched himself into the thickets of a subject understood only by the initiated few, the Prince's face sank into puzzled bemusement, like that of a bishop in a

betting shop. M Delors was soon in full flow, liberally peppering his discourse with references to subsidiarity, the acquis

communautaire and "the need for inter-institutional balance". The Prince's years spent studying history and anthropology at Cambridge and Welsh at Aberystwyth seemed suddenly irrelevant.

Most observers offered sympathy for their royal visitor, agreeing that the thoughts of M Delors sounded, in any language, suspiciously like gobblede-gook. The Prince, who takes a close interest in the guarding of national sovereignty and the fight against seemingly ever-greater central powers. confessed afterwards to a group of Euro MPs: "I am a true European, but I don't understand the jargon." He seemed relieved to meet a group of lobbying British mineworkers, who addressed him in perfectly comprehensive Lancastrian English.

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Government to sell off last stake in BT for £5bn

A £5 BILLION sale next year of the government's remaining stake in British Telecom was signalled last night as ministers strove to reassure the markets of their determination to bring public borrowing under control.

Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, told MPs that there would be a further "major sale" of shares in the company privatised in 1984 in the Thatcher government's first big sale of a public utility. The government's remaining holding is 22 per cent, or some 1,353 million shares. Financial experts predicted last night that it would be sold off in a single flotation with investors paying in two or three

Mr Lamont was cheered by Conservative MPs as he said that the sale would further promote the govern-ment's policy of wider share ownership. But with public borrowing projected to reach some £44 billion in 1993-4, and with the government of having to raise taxes next year, the announcement was clearly intended to show the financial world that it is determined to try to balance the books.

The government's existing financial plans require it to raise some £5.5 billion from the proceeds of privatisation in 1993-4. Receipts already earmarked include £820 million from the third instalment of the Scottish electricion and some £1,230 million from the redemption of public stock in other privatised industries. If the government received the full E5 billion from the British Telecom sale the

surplus above the £5.5 bil lion total could, in theory, be used to avoid tax increases.

The receipts are more likely, however, to be spread cial years. The government's plans also envisage the raising of £5.5 billion from pri-vatisation in the following year, 1994-5. With the timing of the British Coal and from certain, the government's options are being reduced, and in 1995-6 proected privatisation receipts fall to E1 billion. The government will also be able to call on some £2 billion from the sale of the remaining 40 per cent holding in the generating companies National

Power and PowerGen.
The announcement was branded "a predictable move by a government desperate to raise cash" by Tony Young, National Communications Union general

Opening the Commons debate on the autumn statement, an upbeat Mr Lamont low the European Community average and interest rates lower than anywhere else in the EC, businesses had massive new opportunities" ahead. "Low taxes, low inflation, low interest rates - that is what business has been asking for and that is what

they have got." Mr Lamont gave a further indication of his enthusiasm for encouraging the private the building of new trunk roads and motorways with users being charged through a system of electronic tolls.

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Chris Patten peeks into Pooh Bear and Piglet's cupboard

Christopher Patten has been back at Westminster on a short visit. Like a boy who has been sent away to boarding school and come home to revisit the nursery, the teddy bear and the toy companions of his childhood, young Christopher was seen standing by the Commons stairs looking a little thoughtul. Hush, whitener who dares

hush, whisper who dares...

Perhaps he had been looking in the nursery cupboard.
Christopher's two old chums, Pooh Bear and Piglet (officially known as John Major and Norman Lamont), have had much stuffing knocked from them since last he saw them.

But yesterday was a big day in the Commons for Piglet. He was opening the debate on his Autumn statement. Sneaking The Complete Winnie-the-Pooh past the doorkeepers in the press gallery your sketchwriter paged through the stories, watching the debate...

Piglet Lamont was doing his best to be cheerful. Piglets are great optimists but, as everyone knows, this one is rather stuck. I turned to the chapter "In which Piglet is Entirely Surrounded by Water...

"It's a little Anxious." he said. "to be a Very Small Animal Entirely Surrounded by Water. Christopher Robin and Pooh could escape ... but here I am. surrounded by water, and I can't do anything".

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The Chancellor might have adopted the course taken by the other piglet, and launched a message in bottle. But Mr Lamont adopted the other course...

"He hummed in his

throat a little, so that none of the words should stick, and then, in the most delightfully easy way, he said: "Tra-la-la, tra-la-la," as if he had just thought of it."

That was more or less Piglet Lamont's approach. "The vital indicators have been maintained!". "The car industry will lead us out of

recession!" he said. bouncily. "Boost activity ... the right strategy" ... It was a feisty performance.

All through his speech. Tory rabbits behind him kept hopping up and trying to interrupt with what they hoped were helpful questions. Piglet got a bit fed up with these bunnles and stopped allowing them to intervene. This caused dismay, and one rabbit hopped out. But nothing could dim Piglet's own optimism. "Now is the time!" he

Piglet's own optimism.
"Now is the time!" he squealed. Piglet sat down.
It was Ecyore's turn. E. Gordon Brown, Piglet's Labour shadow, is an irrepressible pessimist. Whatever good news Piglet brings him. Ecyore stares balefully across the dispatch box and finds it is not nearly so good.

"Eeyore stood by the side of the stream. Pathetic, he said. That's what it is. Pathetic."

T hat was more or less Eeyore Brown's approach. "Bankruptcies are up." he said. "and unemployment is rising. It doesn't add up to a coherent strategy." Later, roused—as far as so gloomy a creature can ever be roused— Eeyore said Piglet's "entire strategy has failed". "Obscene," he rumbled.

Ecyore's speech was, in fact, a good one. It even had a joke (sort of), and nobody had ever heard Ecyore make a joke before. He was still in full swing, predicting catastrophe, as I left. Piglet was looking slightly deflated and several of the rabbits on the backbenches behind him had gone to sleep.

had gone to sleep.

We never saw Pooh Bear, the prime minister, yesterday. In my book, he calls for Pielet . . .

'Piglet,' said Pooh, sol-

emnly, 'what shall we do?'
'Are we stuck?' asked Pigiet anxiously. Pooh nodded."
The tale continues. Then...
"Suddenly. Christopher
Robin began to laugh...
and he laughed... and he
laughed... and laughed."

Testing time for education: opt-out opponents clash as school performance

Governors in opt-out ballot dispute appeal to Patten

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A GRAMMAR school in Merseyside, which has been ordered by ministers to hold a second ballot on opting out, has run into fresh controversy a week before the vote is due to take place.

Seven governors opposed to the move for grant-maintained status have appealed to John Patten, the education secretary, to overturn decisions by the new governing body, alleging that the majority behaved unreasonably at a series of meetings last week. The seven claim that their opponents walked out of one meeting, thus preventing the cooption of new governors who

would have outvoted them.
Calday Grange Grammar
School, in West Kirby, has
been the scene of disagreement since a ballot of parents

BATTLEGROUND

in May produced a two-vote majority to opt out. Mr Patten declared the result void after considering challenges over the administration of the ballot.

He ordered a fresh ballot of the same group of voters, even though more than 400 parents with children in their first year at the school would be disenfranchised, while hundreds whose children had left would have a say. Voting is due to begin on Monday.

Opponents of the opt-out plans gained ground in this term's elections to the governing body, but were prevented from co-opting three sympathisers when they were left without a quorum. Veronica Robertson, who was chairing the meeting, closed the initial debate and joined the walkout. She has declined to comment. David Sherlock, the new chairman of governors, could not be contacted.

A compromise put forward by Nigel Briers, the head teacher, was voted down by the supporters of opting out. He proposed that the governors ask Mr Patten to reject their current application for grant-maintained status on the understanding that parents would be consulted again later in the year.

A meeting has been called next month to consider cooptions, but the group opposed to opting out insists that the law requires this to be done before a new chairman is elected. Its letter to Mr Patten will cite this as evidence of unreasonable behaviour and grounds for reconstituting the governing body.

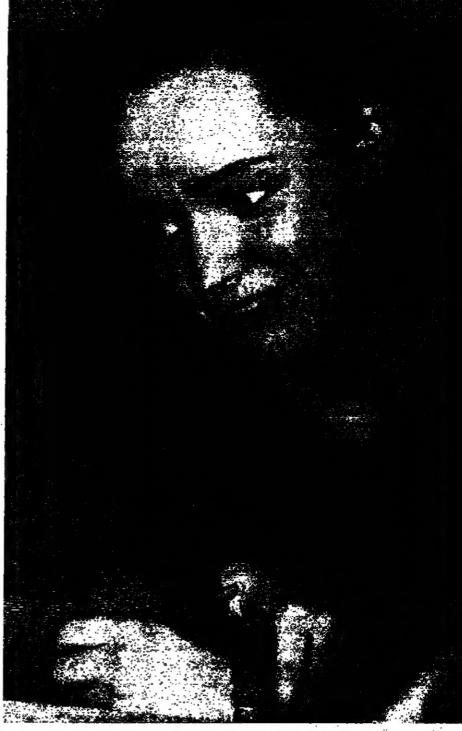
The clash comes as education ministers have embarked on a series of meetings to try to persuade more schools in the North to opt out. Most of the 342 schools to leave local education authority control are in Conservative-controlled areas in the South-East.

Parents and governors at three Nottinghamshire schools swapped accusations of bullying and of distributing misleading information yesterday in the nun-up to ballots on grant-maintained status.

George Miller, vice-chairman of the governors at George Spencer School, Stapleford, said there had been a total lack of neutrality surrounding the debate on opting out. On Tuesday, Baroness Blatch, the education minister, gave Peter Housden, director of the Labour-controlled Nottinghamshire education authority, a ten-day ultimatum to explain letters sent to parents at George Spencer and at Eastwood School, urging them to vote against

opting out.

Mr Miller claimed that some governors and staff at George Spencer had mounted an "aggressive campaign" to persuade parents to opt out. "This ballot has divided the school and brought a bitterness which is going to take a long time to heal."



Full marks: academic excellence is taken for granted by staff and pupils such as Anna Guildford, 17, above, at Newstead Wood School for Girls in Bromley, south London. The exam league tables tell their own story — Newstead Wood is among the top ten grant-maintained schools and boasts the sec-

Laura Denton, 15, said she

ond-best GCSE and A-level acr results in the borough (Bill a c Frost writes).

would take a science degree at university. Like almost every other girl at the school she would be surprised, even sbocked, if exam results in

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two years failed to match academic ambition. "It's not a question of if you go to university or college, it's a question of where you go," said one sixth-former.
Tucked away behind a row
of afficient surburban villas on
the outer edge of the borough.
Newstead Wood has enjoyed
an outstanding record of
achievement for the past 20

years.

Valerie Winn, the deputy head, said the school's intention was to produce happy, relaxed and well-rounded young people. "This is not an exam results factory, no

school should be," she said.

Hard work of deprived is ignored, head says

BY NICHOLAS WATT

TEACHERS at one of the worst schools in John Panen's league table last night dismissed the data for failing to take account of pupils' deprived backgrounds.

St Chad's School, a comprehensive for 11 to 16-year-olds in Tilbury, came bottom of the league of mainstream schools in Essex. Only 3 per cent of its pupils gained five passes at grades A to C in this year's GCSE and 23 per cent left with no GCSE pass.

However, Dave Anderson, the head teacher, said that St Chad's 732 pupils came from a run-down area. "Tilbury is one of the most socially deprived areas in Essex. Thiny per cent of our children have

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free school meals," he said. Seventy per cent of arrivals had a reading age at 11 of less than 10.6 years. Mr Anderson said: "This

Mr Anderson said: "This table does no justice to the staff and the students. The school has a low starting point and we aim to develop lively and enquiring minds... John Patten's scenario could mean that a school like this will spiral downwards."

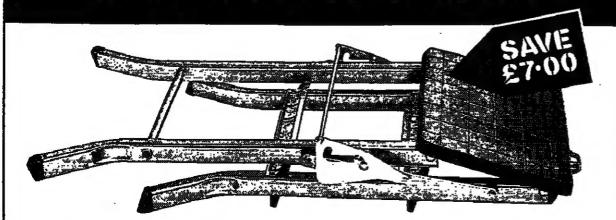
one tracher, Peter Bunyan, chairman of the University of London and East Anglia Examination Group's English subject committee, said: "This is a blow to our morale. It takes no account of what the school has achieved. Generations have left St Chad's at 16 and gone into further education and good jobs."

CORRECTION

A report in the Times Diary (September 29) incorrectly stated that Mr Charles Clarke was being considered for the post of general secretary of the Association of University Teachers. We now accept that Mr Clarke did not apply for the job, and apologise to him for suggesting otherwise.



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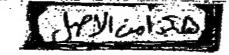
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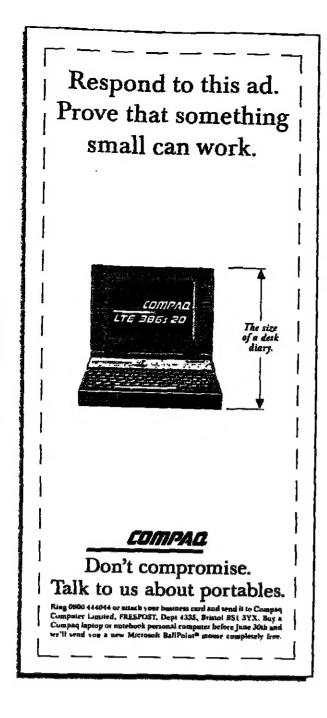


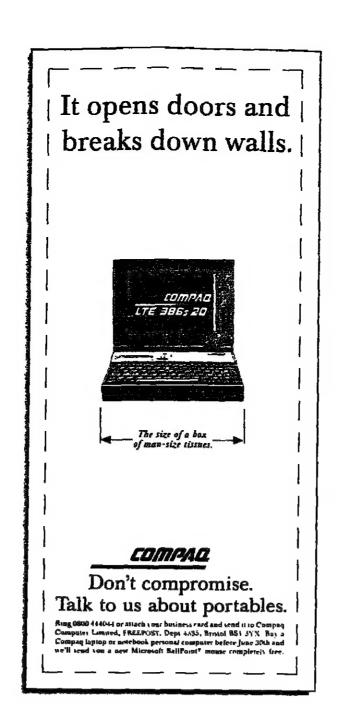
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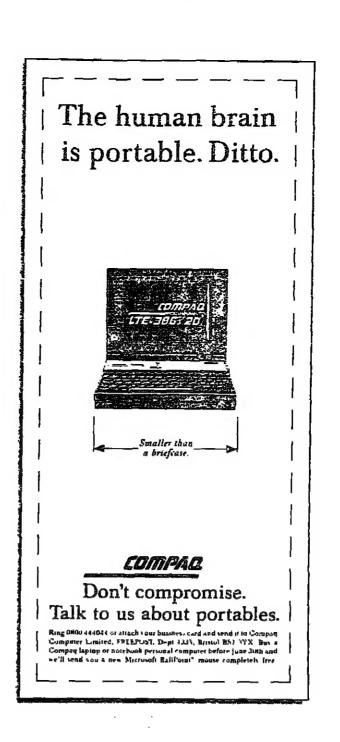
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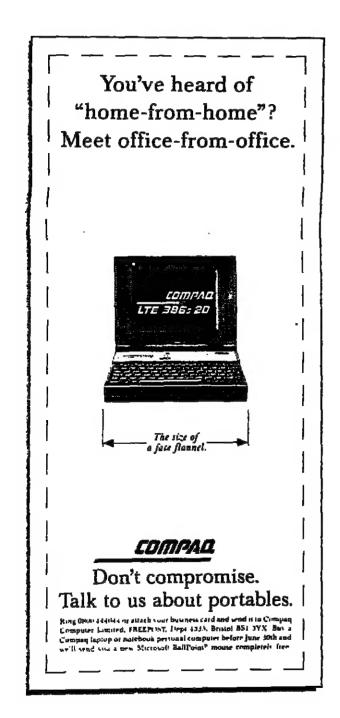
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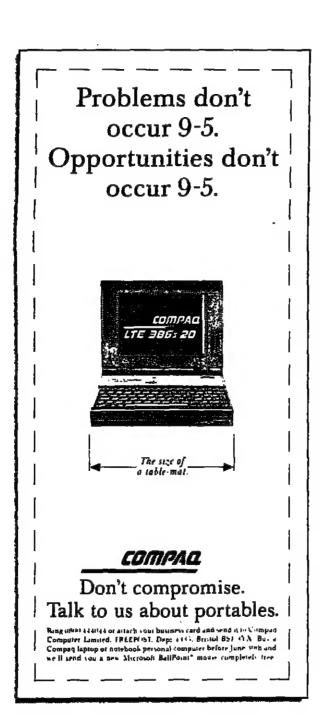


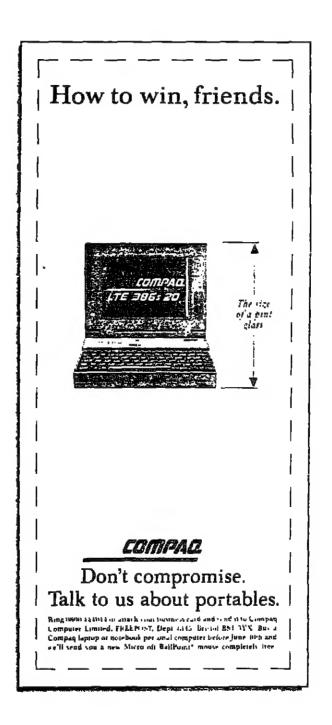










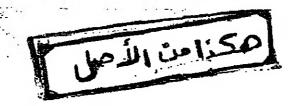


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Doctor was 'not least bit' attractive, says rape accuser

By BILL FROST

A WOMAN alleged to have been drugged and raped by a Harley Street gynaecologist denied yesterday that she found him physically attrac-tive and that she had taken her clothes off when he invited her to join him in a shower.

Dr Thomas Couriney, 46, of Cricklewood, north London, has denied raping the woman, 26, a secretary from Newcastle upon Tyne, after allegedly lacing a glass of champagne with a tranquillising and hypnotic drug. He has also denied raping another woman and indecently assaulting two more.

The woman denied under cross-examination at the Old Bailey that she found Dr Couriney attractive. Anthony Arlidge QC, for the defence, suggested that the woman, Miss A had at the worden. Miss A, had sat on a window sill, drinking champagne and chatting to the doctor as he took a shower, and then took

Inquest on patient in power cut

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

AN INQUEST is to be held on a man who died in Hammersmith Hospital, west London, after an electricity failure on Sunday evening. Dennis Bubb, 58, was in the intensive care unit when the power failed at 7.40pm. An emergency generator failed to

Staff kept Mr Bubb's ventilator working manually, and later moved him to the coronary care unit. When power was restored to the intensive care unit at 9.02pm. Mr Bubb was returned but

A spokesman for the hospital, which is to hold an enquiry into the generator's failure. said yesterday that it had not started because a cut-out linked to the fire alarms had come into operation, and it could not be overridden. The power cut had been caused by a fault at a main sub-station in off her clothes after he invited her to get in.

Miss A said that she would not have wanted to go for a shower with him "mainly because I do not know him and I do not find him in the least bit attractive whatsoever". She told the court that she was given a glass of champagne at the surgery while waiting for a lift to a dinner party. She remembered nothing until she awoke naked in the shower to find

him washing her down.

She could not remember much about the following day but had gone to hospital for a "morning after" pill. She said that she could not remember "the actual act", but felt sore and concluded that she had had intercourse. "I knew something had happened," she said. "I was still very dazed and obviously under the influand obviously under the influence of what I had been

Richard Horwell, for the prosecution, said: "It has been suggested you consented to intercourse. Did you find him physically attractive?" She replied: "Not in the slightest. No."

The friend who was holding the dinner party said that she was livid when Miss A and Dr Courtney arrived three hours late. Then she saw Miss A's face. She said: "She looked terrible: very tired and drawn. It did not look as if she was drunk. It was as if the lights were on but no one was at home. She looked like something out of a horror movie. She just stood there mum-bling." During dinner, Miss A said nothing and played with her food, "It was not like her at all," the friend said.

Miss A went to the bath-

room and they found her lying on the floor. "She was just grinning at me like an idiot." The host's husband said that Dr Courtney seemed un-concerned. "He actually made a comment that it was convenient she had not locked the bathroom door." Seconds later. Dr Courtney returned to the dinner table "while my wife and I carried her out". He added: "When I mentioned her demeanour, he said she was all right, there was nothing wrong, or words to that effect."

Prince stops to hear miners' case

FROM TOM WALKER IN STRASBOURG

THE Prince of Wales yesterday broke away from Conser-vative MEPs at the European Parliament in Strasbourg to talk to a delegation of British miners and ask them about Colombian coal imports.

The miners, from the doomed Parkside Colliery near St Helens, Lancashire, charged through the cordon of startled MEPs to reach the prince, who gave them a warm reception. "I wish you back," he said.

The miners, Neil Hardy from Leigh, and Robert Sharples from Wigan, presented the prince with a china plate commemorating the Lancashire coalfield. Mike Graham, a TUC official in Strasbourg with the min-ers, said: "Charles gave us a much warmer reception than any of the MEPs."

He added: "He spoke with us for some time, asking if our situation was similar to the problem confronting the shipbuilding industry, with subsidised foreign imports affecting competitiveness."



Entente cordiale: Charles meets Catherine Lalumiere. Council of Europe official

'Arsonist identified' by ten-second call

BY TIM JONES

A TEN-SECOND telephone call helped police to identify an arsonist who, without apparent motive, allegedly started a warehouse fire that destroyed irreplaceable works of art worth up to £100 million, Isleworth crown court in London was told yesterday.

Two paintings by Picasso and Pissaro, estimated to be worth [] million, were among the treasures lost. The prosecu-tion claims that an itemised telephone bill shows that the alleged arsonist was on the premises of James Bourlet & Sons. a company specialising in handling antiques and fine art, when he claimed to be driving home. Alan Michael Baggs, 42, of

Reading, Berkshire, who worked for the company at its high-security premises at Felt-ham as an air freight manager denies starting the fire in October 1991,

Christopher Mitchell, for the prosecution, said on Octo-ber 7, Mr Baggs was working late with a secretary, who left with her boy friend at about

But, he said, the company's itemised telephone bill showed that at 9:01pm a call had been placed to Mr Baggs'

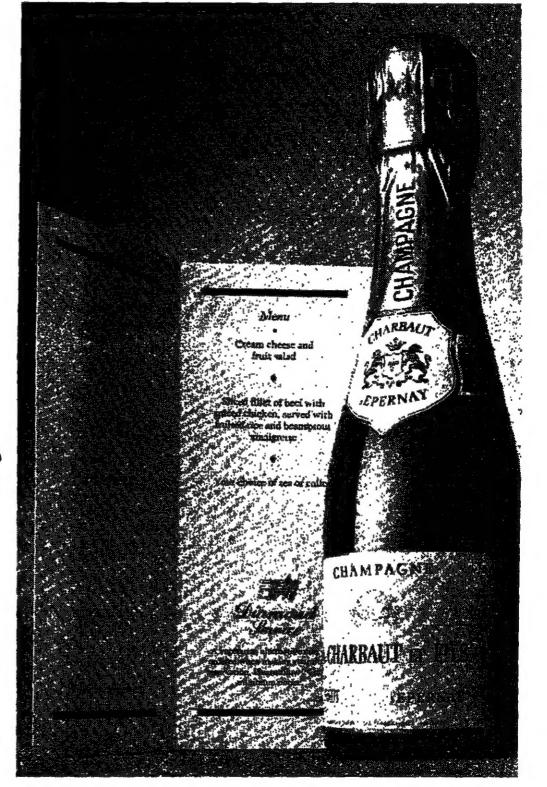
home. "The telephone bill. which later disappeared. shows that somebody, and by inference it must be Mr Baggs, was making a call from

the office at that time." Mr Mitchell said that although alarm systems protecting the building had been activated at 6.30pm. Miss Smith saw Mr Baggs take the key to the alarm cupboard and open the door. He then said: "Oh, the alarm is all right."

Mr Mitchell suggested that Mr Baggs had switched the alarm off in order to get back into the building. He said that when the intruder alarm had gone off in the central alarm control at 9.09pm it was because Mr Baggs, in his hurry to leave, had made a

mistake in resetting it. Andrew Wade, a police fire investigator, agreed, during cross-examination by Jona-than Coffey for the defendant. that there was no positive evidence of the fire being started deliberately. Mr Mitchell said: "In spite of intensive investigation there is simply no evidence of motive, no apparent gain of any description to Mr Baggs for setting this place on fire. The trial continues.

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BBC drops Malawi film after protest

The BBC made an eleventh-hour decision last night to withdraw a programme that compared Shakespeare's Macbeth to the dictatorship in Malawi, after complaints from the British Council, which feared for the safety of its

The programme. The Poet, The President and the Inc programme. The Foel, The President and the Travelling Players, which was part of BBC2's Bookmark series, was due to be shown at 8.10 last night, but was replaced by another film. The Times reported on Monday that the programme, made by Jack Purdie, an independent producer, featured a British Council-sponsored tour of Maghett by the English Shalanana. Macbeth by the English Shakespeare Company.

A statement issued by the BBC said: After much

consideration with colleagues and organisations . . . it has been decided that the screening of Bookmark may jeopardise the freedom and safety of individuals."

Lodger in murder case

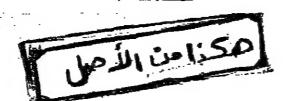
A four-year-old boy was murdered in his bed by a lodger who crept into his room at night to commit a serious sexual assault on him. a court was told yesterday. Matthew Robinson "could not have been allowed to live" because his screams would have woken his parents and other lodgers. Mr Paul Chadd QC, prosecuting, told Exeter Crown Court. James Cochrane, 25, has pleaded not guilty to murdering Matthew at his parents' house in Plymouth Devon, in April this year. Mr Chadd said Mr Cochrane had pleaded guilty to committing a serious sexual offence on the boy, which had resulted in "gruesome" injuries. The

PC shooting charge

Patrick Kelly, 40, of no fixed address, will appear at Arbour Square high security magistrates' court, east London, today in connection with the shooting of a police officer and the discovery of a lorry load of explosives. Mr Kelly was charged last night at Paddington Green police station. west London, with the attempted murder of PC Raymond Hill on Saturday, November 14, in Stoke Newington, north London. He has also been charged with conspiring with persons unknown to cause an explosion likely to endanger life and damage property. A third charge alleges that he possessed an explosive substance with intent to endanger life.

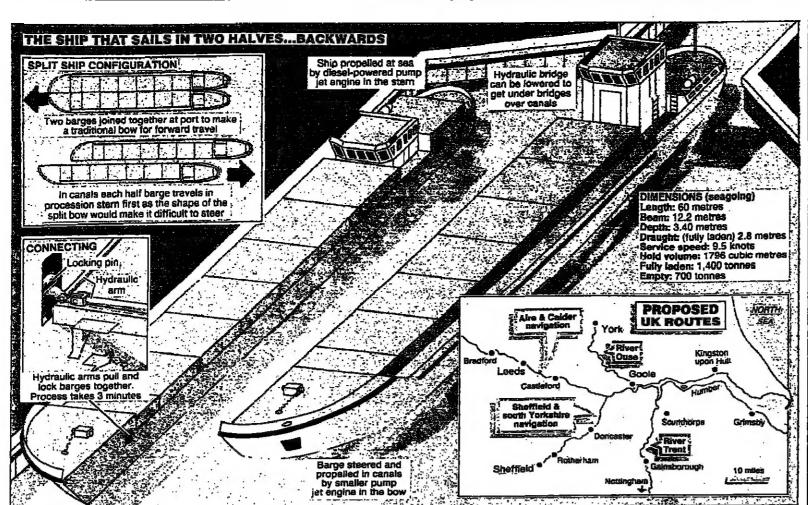
Constable bids too low

A painting by John Constable that was withdrawn from Christic's for unexplained reasons and then offered through Sotheby's failed to sell yesterday. Bids for Harnham Bridge, near Salisbury, looking towards Salisbury Cathedral rose to only £850,000 against an estimate of £1 million. Andy Warhol's Marilyn x 100, showing 100 duplicated images of Marilyn Monroe, sold for \$3.74 million (£2.52 million) at Sotheby's New York on Tuesday night.



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Divide and rule: a British development called Split Ship, designed as two canal barges that can be bolted together in minutes to make one ocean-going freighter. Its developers believe that the ship could cut transport costs by about 25 per cent (Nick

Nuttall writes).
The vessel, which has a 1.796 cubic metre hold, could play an important role in taking goods off roads and on to the canal networks of Britain and the Continent. It could also help to develop coastal shipping routes for cheap, bulky goods. Currently, com-

TENS of thousands of pa-

tients face being switched to

cheaper medicines as part of a

headlong clash between the

government and the pharma-

ceutical industry over the spi-

ralling costs of the £3 billion

Virginia Bottomley, the

health secretary, plans to im-pose right new curbs on the

industry in the light of Trea-

sury protests about annual 10

Her dampdown, signalled

in the wake of Norman

Lamont's Autumn Statement

last week, has drawn furious

protests from industry chiefs.

They have said that her moves

could undermine an industry

employing \$7,000 and boost

ing overseas trade by more

than £1 billion a year. They have predicted a wave

of job losses among highly skilled scientific staff if Mrs

Bottomley presses ahead with

her squeeze. The health de-

partment disclosed last week-

end that as part of its economy

drive, about 20 per cent of all

NHS prescriptions would be

covered by a blacklisting

scheme that prevents doctors start paying for their drugs.

per cent increases in the bill.

NHS drug bill.

panies using canal transport face the costs and time losses linked with transferring freight from barges into ocean-going ships. Tests on Split Ship, which has been over five years in development at a cost of £2.2 million, suggest that it can be transformed from two barges into one ship in abcut three minutes.

It has been developed by Marine Data International, of Chichester, West Sussex, and Danbrit, of Goole, Humberside, which have been working with British Waterways. Nick MacWhirter, Marine Data's manag-

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

prescribing on the NHS some of the more highly priced

medications. What ministers

regard as cheaper but equally

effective alternatives will be

However, The Times has

learnt that the decision to add

10 new categories of drugs to

the seven on the "selected list"

is only the opening shot in a

new battle between the gov-

ernment and the drug indus-

try. Mrs Bottomley is

understood to be planning to

extend the list further and to

impose a new squeeze on

for the Association of British

Pharmaceutical Industry, said

last night that tens of thou-

sands of patients would suffer.

"A lot of patients are going to be told they can no longer

have the drug they are accus-tomed to unless they get a

private prescription and take it

to the chemist and pay."

Pensioners and people on income support, who are enti-

tled to free NHS prescriptions.

would either have to accept

changes in their treatment or

Peter Lumley, spokesman

offered instead.

profit margins.

ing director, said yesterday that they had entered negotiations with users of Continental waterways and hoped to have the first ship built by 1994.

The two half-barges are six metres wide and 60 metres long — the length of a commercial canal lock. They will have to sail backwards down canals because asymetric hulls would be difficult to steer forwards. In port, the two halves are joined with giant clamps, two of which are fitted at the front and back of the half-barges. It is hoped to begin running Split-

Ship along the Sheffield and South

Ham, Germany, could be reduced by 25-30 per cent by Split Ship.

Building the first Split Ship will depend on the availability of government grants to encourage freight off the mode. Little new there Services 26

Yorkshire and Aire and Calder canals that join near Goole to feed into the Humber. It is claimed that the cost of shipping steel from Rotherham to

the roads. Until now, these Section 36 grants have been available only for taking goods off small and suburban roads. The developers are anticipat-ing a rule change that will give grants for taking freight off motorways.

Toddler killed baby inquest is told BY PETER VICTOR

AN OPEN verdict was returned yesterday at the Buckingham inquest into the death of six-month-old Hannah Da-vies, who, the hearing was told, was dropped on to the floor of a playgroup by a three-

year-old boy.

WPC Sandra Rowland told the inquest that she talked to the boy and his four-year-old brother the day after Hannah was found dead at a playgroup in Milton Keynes on July 1. The three-year-old was interviewed at a special suite at Milton Keynes police station

in the presence of his mother. The jury was told that the toddler picked up a toy ambu-lance and said: "That had a little baby in it. It was dead." He was then given small toy ducks and told: "Pretend it is dead." WPC Rowland said: "He lay the toy baby duck in his hand so that it was on its side and partially facing downwards."

Asked what had happened to Hannah, he said: "He fell out his buggy." He said he was alone in a room with the baby but repeatedly said Hannah's mother had tipped over the

WPC Rowland said she gently asked the child if Han-nah had hanged her head. "He nodded very slightly," she said. The interview with the boy ended after about an hour and 45 minutes.

His elder brother was also interviewed and said the threeyear-old had told him what happened: "He threw the baby out of the buggy and put it back in. It cracked its head open. I don't know what baby it was. He got the baby and threw it out and he put if back in and it fell out of the buggy. He cracked its head open, because it weren't holding on. I think it was a big baby. He said it had to go in the ambulance and go to hospitai.

Asked if he thought his younger brother was worried. the boy replied: "Yes, because it was dead. He said he wanted to pick him up more." The boy said he thought his brother had done a bad thing and that he was worried that he was going to be "nicked" because he had thrown the

"It just fell out his hand. He was just there all on his own. He picked the baby out the pram and threw it and he tried to get it back in and he dropped it out of his hands when he tried to get it back

North Buckinghamshire coroner Rodney Corner had earlier been told that Hannah was found on a lino-tiled concrete floor in the office at the playgroup. She died soon after arriving at Milton Keynes General Hospital Julia Wardell, a worker at the playgroup, said she had seen Hannah lying on the floor and also noticed a small boy

crouching near the baby. Dr Richard Shepherd, Home Office pathologist, said. Hannah died from a shattered skull and severe bruising to the brain. An order under the Children and Young Persons Act prevented the naming of the two brothers and the disclosure of any information that could identify them.

NHS drug cutbacks anger manufacturers Mr Lumley said that the government risked repeating the battles of the mid-1980s over the initial introduction of prescribing curbs and could send relations between ministers and the industry plum-meting to levels last seen under the Labour government of the 1970s. The squeeze has been trig-gered by figures showing that after modest real growth in the drug budget in the 1980s, it is set to rise by 11.5 per cent this year. Ministers say this increase is "unsustainable". The measures announced add oral contraceptives and a host of prescription-only drugs such as anti-rheumatic creams, drugs for allergic di orders, anti-diarrhoeals and hypnotics to the blacklist, composed originally mainly of over-the-counter items such as painkillers and laxatives. Ministers are insisting that patients will continue to recerve the right drug for their condition, but they may have to accept a cheaper brand or a generic product with possibly a different dosage regime.

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Tumim hits at Lewes jail standards

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CLEANLINESS within Lewes Prison is barely acceptable, with squalid landings for young and remand offenders and smelly cells, a new report by Judge Tumim, inspector of prisons, says. The report, published today, adds that visiting facilities are among the worst seen by the inspectorate at any prison.

Most prisoners live two to a cell. There are no proper facilities for washing cutlery or crockery and inmates have to use toilet recesses. This was first pointed out eight years, says the report, but still nothing has been done.

The report, based on an inspection at the beginning of the year, found the prison "noticeable for the poverty of its regime". Both the time out of cells and the patterns of feeding seemed to be designed to benefit staff rather than the

In a statement on the report Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, said work on the wings, the kitchen and reception areas was under way or would start soon. Instructions about keeping the prison clean had been issued and a new jail in the area would relieve some of the pressure on accommodation. Visiting facilities would also be improved when money became available.

Countryside lost 'at twice official rate'

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE English countryside is being urbanised at more than double the rate officially admitted and much of what remains is becoming derelict, conservation campaigners say.

Government planning guidance for local authorities, which states that farmland need not be preserved as rigorously as before, is based on flawed statistics and should be withdrawn, they say. Tony Burton, senior plan-

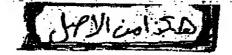
ner with the Council for the Protection of Rural Eng-land, will today tell a conference organised by the Country Landowners' Association in Tiverton, Devon: "We have lost far more of England's countryside than anyone thought. What remains is more precious than ever. New and strengthened policies are needed to protect rural areas from damaging urban, commercial and industrial development."

A study commissioned by the council says that 27,500 acres of countryside, an area seven times the size of Windermere, England's biggest lake, are being built over every year, and the government acknowledges a loss of no more than 12,500 acres. The study says this is mainly because the annual agricultural census underreports the transfer of farmland to other uses. Since the second world

war, the study says, about 1.8 million acres of countryside - equal to the combined areas of Greater London, Berkshire, Oxfordshire and Hertfordshire have gone, while official figures show a loss of only 1.3 million. At the higher rate of loss estimated by the study, a fifth of England would be urban by the middle of the next century, against 15 per cent now. In new planning guidance

issued last January, the environment department told local authorities that "little weight need normally be given to the loss" of farm-land of poor or moderate quality except where agri-cultural practices contributed to landscape quality in some special way.

Andy Wilson, the council's senior policy officer, will tell a separate farming and wildlife conference in Newquay, Comwall, that neglect, not destruction, is a bigger threat to the landscape in many areas. The council says that, over the next three years, the government will pay farmers £360 million to leave land fallow under the EC set-aside scheme, but only £3.6 million to care for hedgerows.



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Major accused of misleading MPs over arms for Iraq

By JILL SHERMAN AND LIN JENKINS

fice official, had told the trade

and industry committee that

one of the four criteria had

been changed in December

1988. The wording had changed from: "We should

not approve orders for any

defence equipment which in

our view would significantly

enhance the capability of ei-

ther side to prolong or exacer-

bate the conflict", to "Not to

approve orders for any defence

equipment which in our view would be of direct and signifi-

cant assistance to either coun-

try in the conduct of offensive

operations in breach of the

Downing Street said the

alteration was "technical" and

"not signficant". Dual-pur-

pose goods continued to be

Labour produced a list of 36

companies, including Matrix

Churchill, which it claimed

assessed against "end use".

THE prime minister came under strong attack from after his office admitted that the guidelines covering arms to Iraq had been altered in December 1988.

John Smith, the Labour leader, accused John Major of deliberately misleading the Commons by failing to an-nounce the "significant" change in policy, and called for an apology. He pointed out that Mr Major had denied in the Commons on Tuesday that ministers had misled Parliament about the guide-lines. Yet now Downing Street was telling journalists that the 1985 guidelines were changed in 1988, he said.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, challenged Mr Major to "resolve the discrepancies" between the latest admission and what he had said in letters to Mr Ashdown in early 1990 and November 1992.

Downing Street said the changes "had been in the public domain for a long time", having been given in evidence to the trade and industry select committee in January 1992.

Officials released further details of the sequence of events of relaxing the guidelines last night. Immediately after the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war in August 1988 there was "a

Downing Street is playing down new disclosures over Iraqi exports. Labour insists Parliament is owed an apology

were involved in the supply of defence-related equipment to Iraq. George Foulkes, Downing Street admitted for the first time that the wording Labour's defence spokesman, said that Matrix Churchill of the guidelines had been "amended" in December represented the tip of the 1988, it was still uncertain iceberg. He has sent the list to when the prime minister had been informed of the change. Lord Justice Scott to consider as part of his enquiry.

Lord Justice Scott said yes-Officials confirmed that John Goulden, a Foreign Of-

terday that he saw no reason why his enquiry should be hampered by the police inves-tigation into inconsistencies in Alan Clark's evidence in the Matrix Churchill trial. He said it was unlikely that

he would begin taking evidence until the new year, and that he had not yet decided who those witnesses would be. He denied suggestions that the police investigation into statements by Mr Clark and his evidence to the Matrix Churchill trial would pose problems for his enquiry.

The investigation into Mr

Clark's evidence will assess whether the inconsistencies amounted to making false statements. If so he could face prosecution which could put nim in a position of double jeopardy under which he might refuse to give evidence



MPs get reward for loyalty over Europe

By JUL SHERMAN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FIVE new "loyalist" Tory MPs have been promoted to the first rung of the ministerial ladder as parliamentary private secretaries.

The MPs, all members of the 1992 intake, have been rewarded for supporting the government on Maastricht by being appointed as unpaid aides to ministers. One earned his advancement by removing his name from a Commons motion challenging the Maas-tricht treaty and calling for "a fresh start" on Europe.

The MPs will be the "eyes

☐ Stephen Milligan (Eastleigh) will serve as PPS to defence procurement minister Jonathan Aitken, a sceptic about closer ties with Europe. George Kynoch (Kincar-dine and Deeside), who will Alastair Goodlad.

will be PPS to Foreign Office minister Douglas Hogg. Mr Booth signed the "fresh start" motion in June, but later withdrew his name. ☐ Jonathan Evans (Brecon and Radnor) will serve North-

Bill rocks hereditary boat in the Lords

By Sheila Gunn

political correspondent bill to tackle the most blatant form of sex discrimination in public life has split the House

Lord Diamond, a life peer, sees his hereditary peerages bill as a modest reform of the system, giving peers the option of passing on their title, and seat in the Lords, to their eldest daughter rather

than to their eldest son. It has sent shivers down the spines of many hereditary peers who fear that any debate on the acci-dent-of-birth principle will merely show up the luna-ties of the system.

The case for changing the law by requiring the Queen to change all letters patent passing on titles to the eldest child, irrespective of sex, is excellent. Only 18 women out of a total of 758 peers by succession are entitled to sit in the Lords. There are no women on the Bishops' benches nor among the Law Lords. A total of 59 of the 373 life peers are women. Ancient Scottish titles, and those given to the great war leaders, go down through the heirs general, accounting for the small group of women

hereditary peers. The bill put forward by Lord Diamond, chief secretary to the Treasury in the Wilson government, former leader of the SDP peers, who now sits among the independent peers, comes up for second reading next Thursday.

He said yesterday.
The House of Lords passes sex discrimination laws and is forward-looking in many ways. But in its own affairs it continues a system that had its validiity when peers had to come along clad in armour with lots of troops."

He has support from some hereditary peers, such as Lord Redesdale. the "baby" of the Lords at 25. Lord "Bertie" Denham an hereditary peer and former government chief whip, is marshalling opposing forces behind his wrecking

Caught in the middle is Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor. As a lifer", a Scot, and campaigner for more women in public life, he initially saw little objection to the idea. But, if he sanctions Lord Diamond's bill be will be opening up a can of

ern Ireland minister Michael and ears" of ministers in the Mates. ☐ Michael Bates (Lang-baurgh) is PPS to social secur-ity minister Nicholas Scott. Commons and report on serve Foreign Office minister backbench reaction and will Hartley Booth (Finchley) be expected to support the Tory whips face up to Maastricht losses

RICHARD Ryder, the Chief who selects the amendments, Whip, has warned John Maor that he cannot guarantee winning every vote on the bill ratifying the Maastricht treaty. As all sides finalise tactics

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

before starting the committee stage scrutiny in two weeks, Mr Ryder is to concentrate his forces on fighting off key amendments which, in effect, wreck the treaty. He has made clear to Mr Major that, with a Commons majority of 21 and uncertainty over Labour's strategy, some "minor"

However, the EC-sceptics believe that any change to the treaty will wreck the ratification process as the treaty would need re-negotiation.

After doing his arithmetic

Mr Ryder is also understood to have ruled out any attempt to "guillotine" debate by trying to set a timetable for the committee stage.

Key players will be the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd.

and a deputy Speaker, Michael Morris, who will largely chair the committee stage. He has told MPs that he intends to allow full and fair discussions, but stamp on attempts to filibuster.

The number of amendments is likely to total 400 by the end of the week, most from Euro-sceptics. A "gentle" start is likely in

the run-up to the Edinburgh But the bill's opponents on the Tory benches have tabled an early amendment to incorporate Title 1, setting out the treaty's main principles, into the European Communities (amendment) bill:

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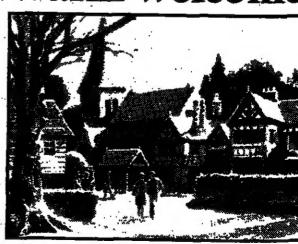


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£750m buy-out unlikely to boost house prices

director of a housing associ-

ation, said: "Associations will

By RACHEL KELLY PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE government's £750 million plan to buy up empty property is unlikely to have much impact on the housing market. Housing associations, which are charged by the government to spend the money, have made it dear that they are unlikely to buy many repossessed homes, preferring to buy new houses in better condition.

This would mean added demand for the builders, but would do little to help house prices, which are being depressed by forced sales of

repossessed property.

Jim Coulter, director of the National Federation of Housing Associations, said: Associations are looking for the best value schemes. This must immediately give an advantage to developers seeking to sell unsold homes." Such property is likely to be

easier and cheaper for associations to manage. It will also be to a minimum standard

required by associations. Housing associations are not charged with helping the housing market, but to house people in housing need, Mr Coulter said. "We can't cure all the ills of the housing

John Wriglesworth, hous-

want to buy new. The scheme will help the builders and the housing associations but do nothing for the market."

Mark Boleat, from the Council of Mortgage Lenders, admitted that if housing associations did decide to buy

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lips & Drew, who is also a limit the impact of the government's scheme on the housing market. But he argued that housing associations would choose property on the basis of price, not whether it was repossessed or new, "In certain areas, associations will have no choice because new homes will not be available." Associations would also be attracted by deals with lenders to buy

> offer cheap loans. Analysts also criticised the e built government's plan by saying 2,064 that 20,000 homes were a 2,719 to the number of empty 2,703 properties up for sale. Dr 1,985 Wriglesworth said: "There 1,616 are 225,000 empty homes on

repossessed homes because

building societies might also

1,541 the market."
330 The government will spend
16,499 the bulk of its £750 million to buy empty properties in London and the South-East,

spent in Kent, Surrey, and East and West Sussex. Only 19.14 million will be spent in Merseyside compared to El 13 million in London and the southern home counties.

Associations involved, to be

announced on Friday, will be among the biggest in the country and are expected to include Circle 33, Paddington Churches, London and Quadrant, and the Notting Hill Housing Trust in London; and the North British. North. West Berkshire. Bedfordshire Pilgrims, Liverpool Housing Trust, Southern Counties Group, and Knightstone housing associations outside the capital.
About 24 housing associations have been selected.

The rest of the money will schemes for tenants to buy their own homes, and sepa-rate budgets in Scotland and

Chancellor sees economic hope in Autumn Statement

Lamont urges business to 'seize the opportunity'

By Robert Morgan and Arthur Leathley

THE Chancellor yesterday called on business and industry to take advantage of the changed economic circum-stances to invest and export, and he pointed out the benefits to foreign companies of investing in Britain.

Opening the Commons two-day debate on last week's Autumn Statement, Norman Lamont said that low inflation, the lowest interest rates for nearly 15 years, timelimited tax measures, low rates of tax and good industrial relations gave Britain the edge as a place to invest and do

He said the country now had inflation below the European average, interest rates lower than anywhere else in the European Community. the lowest corporation tax anywhere in the industrialised world and the best industrial relations record ever seen. On top of all this, he said, exporters now had a 15 per cent advantage with the fall in the value of the pound following withdrawal from the exchange-rate mechanism.

in the weeks and months ahead the government would



Sunday bill delayed

The government is experied to set out its plans for reform of the Sunday trading laws before Christmas, A Commons statement by Kenneth Clarke outlining a bill in the new year has been delayed amid speculation that government husiness managers are waiting for a calmer armosphere on the Tory benches before re viving an issue that led to a ministerial defeat in

The bill would offer MPs a free vote on three options: total deregulation, partial deregulation or a tightening of the present uncertain law.

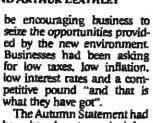
Business managers indicated vesterday that they expected the home secretary to outline his proposals before the end of the year.

On oath

A bill to require people weeking United Kingdom citizenship to swear allegiance to the Queen and the British way of life was defeated in the Commons. The measure, introduced by Teresa Gorman, Tory MP for Billericay, was rejected by 135 ones to 64 after Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab) said: "It seems to me to be a regal variant of Lord Tebbit's cricket

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office: prime minister. Conclusion of debate on Autumn Lords (3): Uniminal justice



been based on two principles: low inflation and the tight control of public expenditure. They were crucial for lasting economic recovery and a sustainable reduction in unem-ployment. The dramatic progress in reducing inflation had led to lower interest rates. "More than anything else it was that relaxation of monetary policy that would help to get Britain back to work."

Mr Lamont said that next year £6.3 billion would go on roads, more would be invested in British Rail than in any year in the 1980s, a record £2.1 billion would be spent on capital projects in the health service and more on homes through the Housing Corporation. There would be hundreds more capital projects plus £1.400 million for Channei tunnei related projects and the Jubilee line extension in London, which would create about 12,000 jobs.

The government was also determined to invest in people and that was why priority had been given to education and health. Education spending would rise by 6 per cent next year and spending on the health service would rise in real terms in each of the next three years. None of this could be achieved without tight control on public sector pay, he said. Many in the private sector had had a pay freeze or a pay cut; a 12 per cent pay ceiling in the public sector was quite justified.

Mr Lamont said that the government had followed a privatisation policy for many years and in 1993 would hold another major sale of shares in British Telecom. "This will tend further to promote our policy of wider share owner-ship." he said.

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, labelled the Autumn Statement as the final admission that the free-market economics of the 1980s had failed. The introduction of investment incentives for industry was recognition by the government that its past 19,000 per person a year in

Norman Lamont is an admirer of Nigel Law-

son's memoirs, The View from

Number 11, and has evidently

adopted one of the precepts of

his former boss. Lord Lawson

"remains unrepentant that a

climate of optimism was what

Britain needed in the 1980s

and what it continues to need

today ... For too long the British had been born learn-

ing to live with decline and

defeat. The unfamiliarity of

optimism and success proved

rather too heady an experi-

ence in the late 1980s. But it

need not and must not do so

So the Chancellor yesterday

cast aside his sceptical in-

stincts and became Mr Opti-

mism, the Dr Pangloss of the

Treasury. He noted that "Brit-

ish exporters are now nearly

15 per cent more competitive

in foreign markets than they

That is one way of saying that

were just two months ago."

in the future."



strategy had failed and that "simply waiting for free-market forces to work was simply

With three million out of work, one million of them long-term unemployed, and investment falling, the statement was the most complacent put to the Commons. There was an admission. through extra funding for the Insolvency Service, that bankruptcies would continue to rise and Mr Brown claimed they would reach double the number of two years ago.

Although welcoming some of Mr Lamont's measures which had been announced belatedly", he said that the Chancellor had done nothing significant to address the present problems. The government still had no long-term industrial or economic strategy for bringing about recovery and the reduction in funding for the trade and industry department would soon be spending less on Britain's future than the national heritage department was putting into preserving Britain's past. Apart from the restatement of the government's intention

London, there were no capital projects announced throughout Britain. Mr Brown accused the government of failing to restore confidence and added that there was no hope of the public or businesses investing

to extend the Jubilee Line in

when "they don't know from week to week what the policy the government is and whether they will have the guts John Biffen, a former cabi-

net minister, congratulated the Chancellor on the reception to his statement but said

Price of unemployment

UNEMPLOYMENT is now costing £24.3 billion, the Labour party said yesterday as it released new figures showing that the number out of work has risen by 71 per cent since John Major became prime minister.

Labour's new estimates about the cost of unemployment are likely to prove contentious, even though Frank Dobson, the party's employment spokesman, said they

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sterling was forced out of the

exchange-rate mechanism

and has been devalued, con-

trary to everything he said up

· Mr Lamont's message was that he had responded to

what businessmen wanted.

The government had done its

job. "Now is the time for

managers and business lead-

ers to make the most of these

opportunities to invest, to

export and to build for the

future." After the setbacks of

September, it is perhaps right

to be upbeat. Confidence, of

consumers and businessmen.

is the obstacle now. But such

talk can sound complacent

when unemployment is still

Yesterday's Commons de-

bate on the Autumn State-

ment was curiously unreal.

to September 16.

taxes immediately foregone and benefits paid out which had recently been confirmed by Gillian Shephard, the em-

Using the government's own unemployment figures. Labour said that on this formula, the cost of unemployment in October stood at £24.372 billion. In line with current unemployment levels across the country, the cost was highest in London at just over E4 billion, and E3.95 billion in the rest of the South-East.

Mr Lamont's package has

dampened the immediate fire.

But he has only won a respite.

tive MPs is conditional on the

economy at last showing signs

of picking-up, or at least of not deteriorating further, by the

spring. Gordon Brown, in a

sharper performance than

last Thursday, questioned

whether last week's package

amounted to a long-term

Mr Lamont has done what he can, but he has

few options. The evidence

which he and Michael Portillo

gave earlier in the week to the

Treasury committee under-

lined the medium-term risks.

over a rise in inflation and too

sharp a fall in the pound, both

of which would trigger higher

The big hole in the govern-

ment's strategy is not just the

timing of economic recovery

interest rates.

The support of Conserva-

ployment secretary.

The optimistic view from Number 11 but also when sterling will return to the ERM. Such a commitment cannot be given because it would split the

> Conservative party. The pressures on public finances are also acute, for all ministers' reluctance to talk about the size of the underlying deficit. That was symbolically underlined with the announcement of the sale next year of British Telecom shares. This is the last of the big privatisation lots. Privatisation proceeds will decline in the 1990s. as North Sea

> revenues did in the 1980s. So the last of the Canalettos is to go, as Harold Macmillan once memorably remarked. That leaves just a few Dutch genre pictures of the type that decorate the walls of the Chancellor's Treasury office. The old family is having to face up to the harsh realities.

These were the "formida-

ble" level of public borrowing. the 1.5 per cent public sector prime minister's call for the private sector to follow suit. and the government's determination not to raise taxes. "I don't think President Bush did himself or America much good when he said 'watch my lips, no more taxes'." Mr Biffen said. He warned that the country should "prepare itself to see an increase in taxation at the next Budget".

Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat Treasury spokesman, criticised the government for planning real cuts in the overseas aid budget and for failing to provide sufficient funds for capital projects. He mocked the government's new tripartite economic strategy of devaluation, a fiscal boost and an incomes policy as qualify-ing the Chancellor for honorary membership of the Cambridge group of Keynes-

ian economists. Cranley Onslow. Tory MP for Woking and former chairman of the 1922 committee, joined the growing band of Conservatives who have criticising the high street banks for their failure to cut interest rates in line with base rate reductions. He said they should be more supportive and more understanding of the needs of small businesses.

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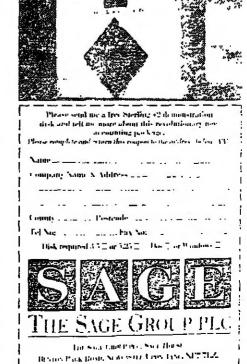
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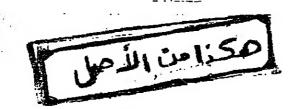
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Lovers deny hiring hitman to murder husband

TWO lovers hired a contract killer to murder the woman's husband, a court was told yesterday. Noleen Hendley, a yesichay. Noteen Hendley, a mother of three, and Terry McIntosh, her boy friend, were consumed with passion and hatched a plot to kill Tony Hendley, 46, it was said.

During the night of the attack, Mr McIntosh spent the evening out drinking with the

evening out drinking with the victim before Mr Hendley returned home, where Paul Buxton was lying in wait, Brian Escoti Cox QC, for the prosecution, told Nottingham Crown Court. Mr Hendley was bludgeoned with a rolling pin, suffering such extensive head injuries that two days later doctors declared him brain-dead and his life sup-port machine was switched

Mr Escott Cox said Mr McIntosh gave Mr Buxton a down payment of £1,000 to kill Mr Hendley, and agreed a second payment of £1,500 after the killing, with subsequent payments totalling either £2,000 or £3,000 after Mr McIntosh had sold his house. Before the final attack at least six other attempts on his life were planned, all of which, for one reason or another, were aborted or did not come to fruition, he said.

Noteen Hendley, 46, of Breadsall Hilitop, Derby, and Mr Buxton, 41, of Loscoe, Heanor, Derbyshire, deny murdering Mr Hendley on November I last year. The jury was told Mr McIntosh, of Little Eaton, Derbyshire, has pleaded guilty to the murder.

Mr Escott Cox said that behind the attack was a plot which the jury might feel was "astonishing for its wickedness and persistence". It was also a dreadful irony that it began out of the love two people had for each other.

Mr McIntosh, a widower, had a daughter. Kay, 19, who became engaged to the Hendleys son, Shane, 21. Mrs Hendley and Mr McIntosh fell for each other after the parents met to discuss arrangements for the wed-ding, which took place in July 1991. After the first meeting

Mrs Hendley and Mr McIntosh began to meet on their own and soon realised they were attracted to each other. They eventually had sexual relations, "Thereafter they were consumed with a terrible passion for each other which brooked no interference and they had sex as frequently as they possibly could without

Mr Escott Cox said that, after their children married. Mr McIntosh began to press Mrs Hendley to leave her husband but she was not willing to separate or divorce. During September last year. possibilities of an alternative to leaving Mr Hendley were allegedly mooted. He said the Crown accepted

that the original idea of disposing of Mr Hendley came from Mr McIntosh, who con-tacted Mr Buxton and asked him whether he was willing to kill someone for money. Mr Escott Cox said that on the night of the attack Mr Buxton was let into the house by Mrs Hendley, who remained

Her husband suffered 29 separate blows to the head after Mr Buxton leapt at him at the top of the stairs, striking him with a rolling pin. Despite his injuries Mr Hendley partially undressed and got into bed, where he was later found by the emergency

The case continues.

Last weekend, the British

Cameloid Owners' and



Divorce tussie: the Rolling Stones guitarist Bill Wyman, right, and his former wife, Mandy Smith, arriving at the High Court in London yesterday. where the hearing over the terms of their divorce settlement continued in

Miss Smith, 22, of Muswell Hill, north London, divorced Mr Wyman,

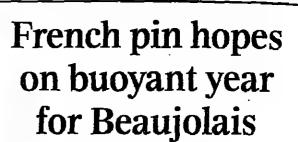
56, in May last year after less than two years of marriage. They met when Miss Smith was 13 and married in June 1989.

Miss Smith, dressed in a charcoalgrey pinstripe suit and patterned scarf, ooked pale and downcast at the lunchtime adjournment. She ignored reporters as she walked alone from Court 3!

to join her mother and sister in an

ante-room.

Mr Wyman, dressed in a grey suit and blue tie, smiled and joked with his lawyers as he left the court on the third day of the hearing before Mr Justice Thorpe. He, too, ignored the media. The hearing is expected to continue all



By Alan Hamilton

ECONOMIC gloom laid upon rumours of a highly variable vintage notwithstanding, British wine importers are expecting buoyant sales for this year's Beaujolais Nouveau when it arrives in the country today. Shippers are advising drinkers to adhere to the better-known labels, as there may be a certain amount of rubbish about.

Last year's Beaujolais is being spoken of as one of the

great vintages of the century.

thanks to a perfect growing season for the Gamay grape. This year, summer in the vineyards was slightly back to front, with the hot spell in the middle rather than at the end. The French, as ever, are malheureux, with wine prices in general tumbling below the cost of production. The news however, is good for the British consumer. In spite of a poor exchange rate against the franc, the Nouveau should be on sale in large chains at between £2.50 and £2.99 as retailers take note of the depressed economy and try to clear stocks before their serious Christmas trade begins.

According to the Wine &Spirit Association, sales of light wines have grown by nearly 10 per cent this year, at the expense of sparkling and fortified wines. More than 80 per cent of all the wine now sold in British shops is on the shelves at £3 a bottle or less.

Suggestions that the whole idea of the Nouveau, a gim-micky wheeze of the 1970s, Is seriously passe are anathema to the wine trade. Kate

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organisation Food & Wine from France, yesterday pointed to the flattery of imitation. The Italians had attempted to muscle in on the act this year by trying to promote their equivalent. Bardolino Novelio. On the other hand a recent French attempt to promote Vin Du Pays Nouveau

appears to have fallen flat.
Anthony Sykes, of the
London wine shippers Ernst Gorge, reported that the Nouveau was as popular as ever in the retail trade, but that wine bars and restaurants were increasingly turning up their noses at what they regarded as its faddishness.

"Nouveau is for quaffing, not savouring. You cannot possibly have just one bottle between two at lunch; you require two or, better still, three. People are therefore buying it to drink at home."

Berkmann Wine Cellars, another big importer of Nouveau, reported yesterday that it had already pre-sold its entire order of 40,000 cases of the respected Duboeuf label.

To the British, the Nouveau is no more than a brief fit of fun in a grey November. To the French it is increasingly a matter of life and death. Although they expect to dis-patch about 50 million bottles today, their world markets appear dire. Last year the Japanese cut their imports of the wine by 60 per cent, and if the Gatt trade negotiatons fail, the United States threatens to impose a 200 per cent tariff, first on French white, but with red undoubtedly not

in offering llama steaks to her customers. The two poles of British attitudes to meat are represented by Mr Auberon Waugh, a meat-eater of such dedication that he was once thrown out of an Adelaide restaurant after asking for a plate of koals, and by Linda McCartney, wife of Paul, an envangelistic vegetarian whose most famous public

The way it isn't

Breeders' Association debat-CRAIG BROWN ed whether a Whitley Bay butcher, Mrs Shirley Van der Laan, was within her rights



have feelings too, you know." l have passed llamas champing away in 2005 with-out once licking my lips, but this does not mean that I

llama steak. In China I once ate a guinea pig, and when I was a child, my brother Alistair cooked a squirrel on a camp fire. It tasted nowhere as awful as you might imagine, especially with a generous dollop of tomato

If one eats bull, why not llama? If lamb, why not cat? If quail, why not hamster? If duck, why not dove? Personally, I'd eat the jot. Indeed, a lightly grilled slice of ex-rock star might go down rather well, though even I might draw the line at a Keith

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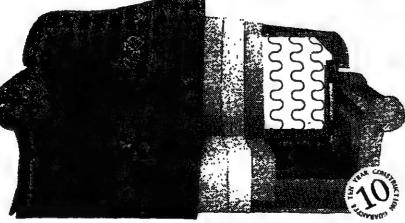
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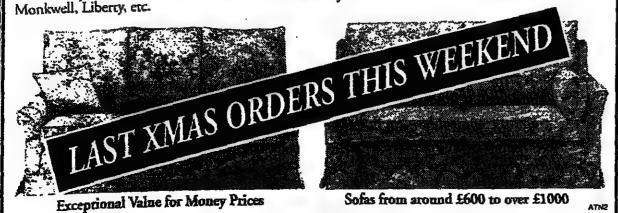
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Thatcher 'revolution' leaves few social traces

THE opinions of the British on issues such as sex and marriage, class, race and defence are changing very slow-ly, if at all, according to the latest Social Attitudes survey, published today. The findings of the annual study contradict the view of Britain as a rapidly

changing society.

Being only the ninth year of the survey, any direct comparison with earlier generations is impossible. The survey. though, suggests that the Thatcher revolution has had remarkably little impact; in 1991, when the latest survey was conducted, two thirds of the respondents favoured tax increases to finance higher social spending, compared with only one third in 1983.

With the Cold war ending, 28 per cent said they thought that neither the United States nor Russia were a threat to world peace, compared with only 5 per cent in 1984. But 69 per cent said Britain should keep its nuclear weapons, and 81 per cent wanted to

remain in Nato. One in three adults professes no religion, compared with fewer than one in ten in

the United States, the Republic of Ireland and Northern freland. However, 55 per cent believe in life after death and 45 per cent in miracles. Of those with no religious affiliation, more than a quarter nonetheless believe in God, and two in five unbelievers support daily prayers in

Only 19 per cent now think that pre-marital sex is always or almost always wrong, com-pared with 28 per cent in 1983, but more than four out of five believe that extramarital sex is wrong, even if behaviour does not always match conviction.

The survey shows that 58 per cent of Britons disapprove of homosexuality, 8 per cent more than in 1983, but 6 per cent fewer than in 1987, when publicity about Aids began.

The survey does not support the idea that changes in the past decade have made the British greedier and less concerned with moral standards. For example, nine out of ten respondents would condemn a firm that knowingly polluted a river, seven out of ten would censure a manufacturer that delayed supplies of a new drug in order to keep the price high, and eight out of ten would object to a taxi firm putting up its prices during a public transport strike. Nearly a third disapproved of fiddling travel expenses, compared with only 23 per cent in 1987.

On green issues, pollution is of much greater concern than damage to the ozone layer, global warming or nuclear power. Fifty-five per cent consistently buy "environment-friendly" aerosols, and one in three households returns bottles, tins or paper for recycling. But only 13 per cent strongly support higher taxes to protect the environment.

Three out of four people believe that social class still affects opportunities. Nine in ten believe that there is racial prejudice against both Asians and blacks, and three in ten admit to being prejudiced themselves. There is evidence, however, that both class-consciousness and racial prejudice are slowly declining.

□ British Social Attitudes, Social and Community Plan-

ning Research (Dartmouth Publishing, £19.95)

Fortunes of war: selling destruction in the Balkans and saving its victims



Brochure battle: Croatian tourism officials hope this image of war-torn Dubrovnik will tempt the adventurous

Croatia sets its sights on **UK** tourists

By HARVEY ELLIOTT TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

Led by tourism minister Nino Bulic, the delegation from Croatia is among the most high-profile at the World Travel Market at Earls Court, collaring thousands of

Two years ago more than 600,000 British tourists went

miracle and already this year we have had 10 million foreigners staying overnight," said Mr Bulic. "Now we want to spread the news that much of Croatia is perfectly safe."

MORE than fifty Croatian officials, hoteliers and travel industry leaders are in London this week on the unlikely mission of persuading British tourists to come back to their war-ravaged

British tour operators and travel agents trying to sport the next holiday destination to boom — not, they hope, with the sound of guns. The Croats are not trying to

disguise the fact that only a few weeks ago shells were falling on Dubrovnik. The devastation caused by the war could, they believe, attract adventurous spirits. A glossy ery shell and bomb landed in Dubrovnik is included in the information pack being presented to travel compa

The British like to be adventurous," said Mr Bulic. "Next summer we believe small, independent operators will be including us in their brochures and by the year after we are confident that we will be firmly back on the touristic map of Europe."

to the former Yugoslavia most concentrating on the coast to the north of Dubrovnik. Even during last year's turmoil foreigners — mainly from Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia - still spent three million nights in the

"Since then we have had a

for sick children BY RUTH GLIDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

Charity

seeks cash

THE church charty that has ISI Bosnian refugees stranded in Austria launched a national appeal for funds ves terday to provide medical treatment for two seriously ill

Alert, founded by three Leeds-based evangelical from the former Yugoslavia to Britain, said that the government had indicated that the two, who have kidney complaints, might be admitted to Britain if funds for their

marment were guaranteed. The appeal was hunched in Horsforth, Leeds, as Tony Blair MP, the shadow home secretary, criticised the "total and abject confusion" over the criteria for admitting refugees to Britain. Austria has provided temporary accommodation for the Bosnians, who were stranded on the Austrian border with Slovenia for a week after being refused entry to

Mr Blair called on Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, to darify the situation. He said: "The decision by Austria to show.humanitarian sympathy for the Bosnians; and grant them temporary refuge under lines the shameful nature of Mr Clarke's decision. We must also now respond more generally to the rising tide of concern about how Britain is handling the resugee crisis and what its policy is for doing

One of the refugees, Emma Foric, 5, has a cyst on her kidney that could be lifethreatening, Another, Muhammad Dadic, 17, has a failed kidney and needs regu-lar dialysis. Both he and Emma are orphans. One has aiready been offered a free

operation by a local clinic.
Stephen Beesley director of Alent, said: "We need to raise tens of thousands of pounds immediately to help these children. Kenneth Clarke has asked if no at Alegard pay for asked if we at Alert will pay for medical treatment and pay them money up front. "I believe we can rely on the

good heart of the British people in order to raise that money so these people can come to England and receive the treatment they need." The appeal was backed by

City Council, the Right Rev Malcolm Menin Bishop of Knaresborough, and Rabbi Walter Rothschild, of the Sinai synagogue. Leeds. Donations should be sent to Alert. Springfield Centre, Horsforth,



Blair: criticised "total and abject confusion'

Police offer hostel to persecuted Bosnians

By RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT which was originally in-

THE Metropolitan police is providing homes for the first Bosnian refugees to arrive in Britain from Serbian concentration camps.

The force is leasing a hostel in Hammersmith, West London, which was formerly used to house police staff, to Harding Housing Association. The association in turn has sublet it to the Refugee Council for a year at low rents.

The first refugees are expected to arrive early next week. The exact location is being kept secret to protect them from harassment

Bob Lawrence, an executive from the Empty Homes Agency, a charity dedicated to finding uses for empty property, and which helped organise the deal, said: "The Metropolitan police property services department have been very professional about this. They are putting a building to use and also achieving a rent income. This is an excellent example for government as whole.

The police building,

The force has already worked on several other schemes to help those who need housing in London, and has used two of its empty properties as hostels for the homeless in King's Cross and Hackney. They housed 300 people and were managed by housing associations. Harding Housing Asso-ciation had originally hoped to use the building for homeless British people, but decided to offer

tended for single officers.

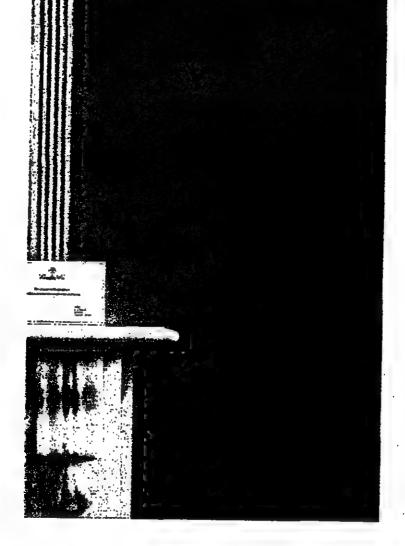
has been empty for the past

two months because it is

surplus to requirements.

it to the Refugee Council instead when the council earlier this month issued a desperate plea for immediate accommodation for Bosnian refugees. The 35 men are among the 150 refugees that the

British government has agreed to let into Britain with full refugee status as part of an agreement with the United Nations. The refugees at the hostel are expected to stay for a year.



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Austria pours scorn on UK for barring war refugees

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN KLAGENFURT

LEEDS European Refugee Trust, the charitable organisation trying to bring 181 Bosnian refugees to Britain, was negotiating yesterday for visas for sick children in the group as the Austrian media accused London of "wiping its feet on Austria" by refusing them entry.

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Jane Read, an official of the trust, who travelled with the group from Slovenia to Klagenfurt in Austria on Tuesday night, said she contacted the British embassy in Vienna and "there seems to be movement" on admitting three children suffering from serious kidney ailments. "I understand that the question is who will pay for the treatment." Ms Read, 36, said.

"We of England have such big hearts. These are poor children. Surely this is the most deserving case."

The refugees were separated yesterday, with 26 accommodated at a hotel in Ebendorf, 18 miles from Klagenfurt,

Germany's migration battle starts

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BONM

THE real battle over asylum and immigration in Germany starts today as party leaders meet to try to agree a change in the constitution. In the background is the fear of many Germans that neither this nor anything else will stop future waves of immigration from the former communist blox.

Representatives of Helmut Kohl's Christian Democrats and their right-wing Bavarian CSU sister party have said that changes to the asylum clause agreed by the Social Democrat opposition are insufficient. Their Liberal coalition partners, and even some centrist Christian Democrats, by contrast, have welcomed the Social Democrat decision, so a split in the ruling coalition seems possible.

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The Social Democrats are also divided. Radicals want the party council to force the parliamentary deputies to stick strictly to the asylum changes agreed this week. Pragmatists in the leadership insist that they must have room to negotiate an agreement with Herr Kohl's coalition.

including six who apparently have received entry visas from the Home Office on the ground that they have close family in Britain. The remainder were staying at a youth hostel at Velden, a smart summer holiday resort.

summer holiday resort.

Meanwhile, Austrian media and some officials berated Britain for what is seen as cold-hearted behaviour contrasting with Austria's traditional open-door policy. Helmut Zilk, Vienna's mayor, said: "No doubt things would have gone more easily if the Queen's corgis were involved."

Queen's corgis were involved."
The tabloid daily Neue Kronen Zeitung headlined its report "British government wipes its feet on Austria". The newspaper said that "175 Bosnians who nobody wants may stay with us".

The government of Franz Vranitzky, the prime minister, estimates that about 60,000 refugees from the former Yugoslavia are in Austria. This theoretically includes draft dodgers and others staying with relatives who have been working here since before the Balkan fighting began.

The arrival of the refugees has caused tensions, especially

has caused tensions, especially in Vienna since most of the 60,000 are in and around the capital. The government is worried by the possibility of a surge of racism.

Because of its neutral status

Because of its neutral status and geographical position, Austria traditionally has been a country of sanctuary for



Vranitzky: fears over a surge of racism

refugees, but as the Balkan conflict drags on officials are keen to see all European countries shouldering their share of the burden.

There is speculation that many of the group of Bosnians trying to reach Britain will be moved soon to stay in private homes until their late is clarified. "I am positive they are glad to be out of Slovenia." Ms Read said. "But they feel very insecure."



Hear no evil: a Serb soldier covers his ears as his unit fires a mortar at Croat positions near Orasje, north of Sarajevo. Heavy fighting is reported on several fronts in Bosnia in violation of a ceasefire signed last week

Serbs celebrate amid the ruins

FROM TIM JUDAH IN VUKOVAR

BRAVING the driving rain, Veselin Sljivancanin, a Yugo-slav army colonel, roared to the crowd: "This is Yugoslavia, this is Serbia, this is Montenegro!" Stocky ex-fighters clasped each other warmly, volleys were fired over Serbigraves, and politicians promised that Vukovar would be Serbian for ever

Serbian for ever.

The eastern Croatian town fell to the Yugoslav army and its Serb milita allies exactly a year ago after three months of siege. It was a victory for which thousands gave their lives and which devastated the town. Sleek Mercedes packed with VIPs purred through the ruins yesterday and Yugoslav officers surveyed their handiwork before roaring back home to Belgade.

Victorian port life in a Unit.

Vukovar now lies in a United Nations "protected area", but the blue berets were keeping a low profile yesterday. Buses carrying the families of dead soldiers cruised through town and relatives collected their newly struck "Vukovar—Year One" medals.

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In the cemetery, Orthodox priests prayed while old comrades-in-arms caught up with their news. "How's your brother?" said one. "He's fine," was

the reply. "He was cleaning in Kozarac." Near the northern Bosnian town of Prijedor, Kozarac was a Muslim town destroyed by the Serb forces in

destroyed by the Serb forces in May.

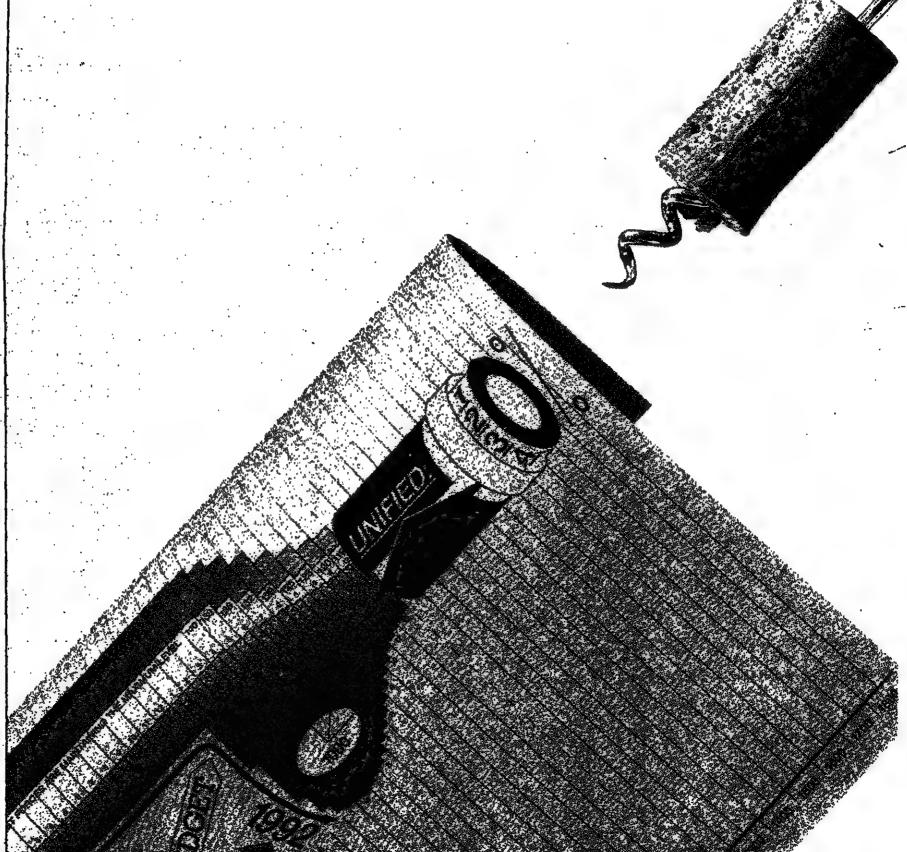
A year after Vukovar fell, few houses have been rebuilt, few work, and those that manage to eke out a living either do so because they have nowhere else to go or because they are Serb refugees from

elsewhere.

Away from the official celebrations there was little sense of triumph yesterday. "This is it, half a load," said Jelena. 70, after queuing for her daily handout. "If only my houre had been left."

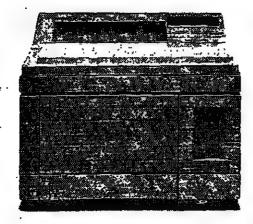
According to Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the UN special envoy, 175 patients taken from the hospital lie in a mass grave five miles from Vukovar. The grave is surrounded by barbed wire and the bodies await exhumation by UN experts investigating war crimes, but the local Serb authorities have forbidden the excavation. "You can't see it, not even for a minute," a polite Russian UN guard said yesterday. A year after the fall, 3,000 people are still unaccounted for.





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Mitterrand calls for national unity to defend the farmers

IN PARIS AND GEORGE BROCK IN BUILDELS

FRANCE headed towards open conflict with its European partners last night after the Mitterrand administration denounced any new trade agreement with the United States on the current terms and called for national unity to defend the interests of

France". With farmers threatening open rebellion and the opposition taunting the government for its "weakness" in the Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) talks, a special cabinet session issued a statement saying France wanted a fair agreement, but "the conditions for this do not current-

Several hundred farmers converged on the American embassy in Paris yesterday. blocking traffic in the Place de la Concorde and nearby streets. Their disruption added to the havoc already wrought by a drivers' strike on

Yesterday's cabinet statement fell short of saying whether France would invoke its right of veto within the Community to block a deal or demand a complete renegotiation of agricultural policy among the 12 European Community states. However, Jean-Pierre Soisson, the agriculture minister, indicated that France would not hesitate

Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, was more circumspect. He told parliament that

France opposes a Gatt deal but is resigned to it. Paris must bow to the inevitable while appearing to champion its farmers

ahead of general elections in

Gatt accord. M Soisson is

insisting that the Community

reform the reform" to make

any agreement with the United States more palatable to

French farmers.
The choice for the French

government is an agonising one either a peasants' revolt or

a Community crisis. President

Mitterrand and his team dare

not risk the fury of the one

million small farmers. The

grassroots "Rural Co-ordina-

tion", whose protests against the CAP reform disrupted

traffic and destroyed property

in dozens of towns and cities

this year, has promised to

"take matters into our own

hands" if the government

M Mitterrand is also des-

perate to avoid what he sees as

the grave danger for the

country and Europe of conflict

with its allies and a trade war

with America. A French veto

would be the last nail in the

coffin of Maastricht and

would probably lead to the

This little

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gives any further ground.



Bérégovoy: resigned to accepting an accord

it was too early to talk of vetoes, since no agreement had been reached, but he indicated that the government was resigned to an accord, saying the assembly would be asked to endorse a declaration on it next week. He said French and European farmers would be "forced into ruin" if pure market forces were allowed to apply to agriculture.

He insisted on the French

position that any Gan accord that inflicted more cuts than the reform to the common agricultural policy was unacceptable to France Trying to head off an inevitable onslaught from the conservative opposition. M Bérégovoy called for "a vast movement of national unity to defend the interests of France. These, it

resignation of Jacques Delots, the president of the European According to most French

commentators, America is to blame for the crisis, abetted by their British allies. Le Monde happens, coincide with the hailed what it said was the success of an American atinterests of Europe and the world economy, he said. He urged the opposition to tempt to win a deal by solittine the Community. Since being confronted with a majority avoid trying to score points over a matter of national inside the European Commis sion in favour of a deal, M Delors has slightly softened his line. Yesterday he told The March. Jacques Toubon, a. senior Gaullist, said the gov-ernment had committed a threat of punitive tariffs and a grave mistake in accepting the CAP reform before reaching a trade war soured the negotiat-ing climate. "We can't let prices fall so brutally or let one third of our farmland become desert. There are already threats to public order from the farmers in two or three European countries.

By that reference to "one-third" of Europe's farmland, M Delors endorses a European Commission analysis which says that the subsidy cuts foreseen by Ray Mac-Sharry, the EC farm negoamount of land to be taken out. of production after both internal EC reform of its farm policy and a new Gatt treaty.

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M Delors yesterday told the
European parliament in
Strasbourg that he believed
the American threat to begin
trade sanctions against EC
farm exports was "illegal". He claimed the 200 per cent tariffs on \$300 million (£197 million) worth of EC farm plans to introduce from December 5 break international



Bad tidings: Jean-Pierre Soisson, the French agriculture minister, insisting to the media yesterday that Gatt agreement on farm trade will mean more cuts

Moscow seeks cure to rouble hangover

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

LIKE alcoholics after a binge, Russia's monetary authorines are resolving sheepishly to improve their financial behaviour. Yet even as the Yelixin cabinet and the Russian central bank promise never to go on another bender, new demons are inreatening to re-

duce the economy to turmoil. With Russia bracing for a battle between President Yeltsin and the old-guard legislature, prices are rising about as fast as they can be measured: 25 month, or 1,500 per cent a year. That is a simple consequence of a ballooning of the money supply in summer and early autumn, as the government printed banknotes to keep the harvest going and the central bank pumped credit into sick industries. The rou-ble has crashed, reflecting and worsening the inflationary spiral: it now changes hands at 440 per dollar, barely a quar-

ter of its worth a year ago.
That values the minimum monthly wage — soon to be doubled to 2,250 roubles per month - at little more than £3, enough to buy two loaves of bread per day. It also values the Russian gross domestic product at barely 1 per cent of the American level, according to Peter Oszag, a London economist advising Moscow. The plunging rouble has all

the wrong economic effects; it enriches old-time fat cats with privileged access to hand conrency while choking new businesses. Yet the government, which somewhat tightened its fiscal stance in the past month. and the central bank which has pledged to keep the rouble from falling below 500 per dollar this year, will be happy enough if the financial trou-

bles get no worse." For several reasons, they might. Political peace could be bought at next month's Cor gress by pouring fresh monetary liquor over an economy already suffering from cirrhosis. More serious is the danger that the last act in the Soviet Union's disintegration will be played out in the form of a brawl between the republics. Economic nationalism is an

infectious disease. Ukraine's decision to quit the rouble zone — a "patriotic" gesture which was not unwelcome for Moscow — has prompted Aleksandr Rutskoi, the vicepresident, to redouble populist appeals for a purely Russian rouble. In coming weeks, more republics may issue their own currencies in a desperate bid to ward off Russian inflation. If enough mint their own money, Russia will have to follow suit to protect itself from

Brainwash victims win pay-out

Ottawa: Victims of brainwashing experiments in the 1950s and 1960s are to be compensated to the tune of £52,600 each by the Canadian government (John Best writes). About 80 surviving victims are eligi-ble and the government stressed it was not assuming legal liability but acting on

compassionate grounds.
In "depatterning," massive electric shock treatments were administered to psychiatric patients - sometimes up to 30 times the normal amount used in therapy — while the patient was in a drug-induced sleep lasting over a month. The attempts to induce "correct" thinking involved the CIA and Dr Ewen Cameron in Mon-treal. The U.S. government has already agreed to compen-

Rebels bombed

Monrovia: Nigerian warplanes and artiflery pounded a Liberian rebel column moving towards Monrovia and military sources said one of Charles Taylor's top guerrilla officers had been badly wounded in the attack. (Reuter)

Base attacked

Frankfart: An unidentified man attacked a German army base at Steuben Barracks at Giessen, north of Frankfurt. shooting dead one soldier and seriously wounding another before apparently killing himself (Reuter)

Gaviria cleared

Bogotá: A Colombian Senate Committee deared President Gaviria and two key cabinet ministers of blame for the escape of the jailed cocaine baron, Pablo Escobar, in July. (Reuter)

Killer cure

Dhaka: Liquid paracetamol, a common medicine, contains a chemical that can cause renal faikure, a doctor told a seminar here. The kidneys of hundreds of children in Bangladesh had been damaged. (AP)

On guard

of condoms is being sent to Cambodia for UN peacekeeping soldiers. There have been 1,251 cases of sexually transmitted diseases among UN

Lisbon accord

Lisbon: Parliament has agreed to revise Portugal's constitution to bring it into line with EC requirements in preparation for the ratification of Maastricht.

Help sought

Khojant, Tajikistan: The Ta-iikistan parliament has ap-pealed for troops from the Commonwealth of Independent States to help end sixth months of civil war. (AFP)

1 owe ewes

Peking: Poor herders in south-west China borrow sheep, not money. A "sheep bank" borrows from state banks, buys ewes and lends them to herders, who later repay with ewes. and the interest in wool (AP)

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Bush to brief Clinton on global problems in White House meeting

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

BILL Clinton began his first visit to Washington since the election yesterday, an American political ritual rife with symbolism and bitter-sweet

The president-elect and a 40-strong entourage were meeting President Bush at the White House for the first time since an unusually ugly campaign, and the atmosphere had not been improved by a spat over Mr Clinton's rejec-tion of official facilities for his two-day visit.

Aides suggested Mr Clinton had declined a White House offer of a military aircraft and Blair House, the government guest house, because they were unnecessarily costly. Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, insisted that the Clinton team had asked for the facilities and then rejected

"I resent them trying to pontray us as offering huxury and their turning it down." he said. Mr Clinton was instead staying at the Hay Adams, a hotel a stone's throw from the White House across Lafayette

During the one-hour Oval Office meeting the two men were expected to make their peace with the 68-year-old president sharing his private thoughts and advice on the state of the nation with a successor 22 years his junior.

Mr Clinton said before the meeting that he wanted Mr Bush's "candid assessment" of the international problems he would face at the start of his presidency. He was also likely to ask discreetly that Mr Bush. with his greater room for manoeuvre as an outgoing president, resolve certain is-sues before he leaves office in

For his part, Mr Bush, still dejected by his defeat, has expressed impatience with the 1 I-week transition period and expressed his desire to be gone. "The interregnum is too

complained at a reception this

There are no more policy debates, visits from foreign leaders, weighty speeches or big ceremonial occasions. Aides are preoccupied with

finding new jobs.

Mr Bush has barred any actions a Clinton administra tion would have to undo. "We all kind of wish the transition lasted two days rather than two months," said Mr

Following the White House meeting. Mr Clinton was to visit one of the capital's rougher black districts to demonstrate his concern for unofficial, as well as official, Washington. He was then going to the annual meeting of the Children's Defence Fund to hear a speech by his wife, Hillary, intended to show that she plans to be an active First Lady.

Touching all bases, the Clin-tons were last night attending a private dinner for Washington's Democratic glitterati giv-en by Vernon Jordan, the prominent DC lawyer, his transition director. Also yesterday lieutenants were meeting Bush administration officials to decide a transition timetable, including how quickly the incoming team could gain access to highly sensitive budget and national security infor-mation. The State Depart-ment was releasing the results of its investigation into why department officials had scoured Mr Clinton's passport files for dirt during the elec-tion campaign.

tion campaign.

Today, in another painful ripual, Barbara Bush returns from house-hunting in Houston. Texas, to show Hillary Clinton around the secondfloor family quarters of the White House. Mr Clinton will visit Capitol Hill to renew friendships with Democrats

and start wooing Republicans. He is expected to meet Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Tonight the Clintons are attending another private dinner given by Pamela Harriman, the prominent Democratic activist and hostess. The guest list was one of Washington's best-kept



Family affair: Attalah Shabazz, daughter of Malcolm X, the radical black leader assassinated in 1965, attends the Hollywood premiere of Spike Lee's $oldsymbol{Malcolm}$ X

Orthodox Jews riot to protect burial sites in holy city

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

WHEN archaeologists discovered the remains of a lewish burial ground on the site of a proposed new road in Jerusalem yesterday, the city's riot police braced themselves for another night of violence.

Although historians in any other country might be fascinated to uncover two burial caves more than 2,000 years old, in the world's religious capital the find usually produces far more than nurely academic interest. For two days this week hundreds of riot police cannon have fought running street battles with blackhatted vouths of the ultra-Orthodox Jewish community after the antiquities authority took away remains from 16 graves at a site near by.

Municipal authorities insist that the removal and reburial of the bones, away from the new route in the French Hill neighbourhood. is the only practical way that the ancient city can cope ern traffic. However, the simple argument for improved urban planning has singularly failed to satisfy the irate Orthodox community, which makes up a strident one-third of the city's population.

"According to Jewish reli-

gious law, you are not allowed to touch the graves of the deceased. They are not just stones with no be respected, and that is why we are lighting this abuse of power." Rabbi Avraham Ravitz, a Knesset member in the United Tora Judaism party, said. "That is why the demonstrations will continue. We are demanding that in future no remains are taken away without approval from the chief rabbi."

His warning raised fears that the city could be in for a repeat of the Tuesday night violence when 1,500 black-hatted Hasidic youths went on the rampage, burning dustbins and throwing stones and eggs at the police, who responded with a severity normally reserved for Palestinians engaged in the intifada (uprising) against Israeli rule. At least 15 youths were arrested and

two policemen injured.
In one of the most disturbing incidents of the violence, suspected ultrareligious Jewish vandals daubed a swastika on the grave of Menachem Begin, the former prime minister, in retaliation for what one anonymous caller to a Tel Aviv newspaper described as "the desecration of the graves of the righteous".

Nixon due millions for Watergate tapes

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THE damning "Watergate tapes" which brought about the downfall of Richard Nixon may prove to be his greatest financial asset after a court in Washington ruled that the former president was owed compensation.

The tapes are estimated to be worth up to \$2.5 million (£1.6 million), while the documents, running to millions of pages, will probably be auc-tioned for at least \$1 million. The papers and tapes were seized by the government in

1974 and held ever since. Under the Fifth Amendment to the constitution, the government may not appropriate personal property with-out reasonable compensation. Last year a federal judge miled that the material belonged to the American people, not to Mr Nixon, but that ruling was the Court of Appeals on Tues-

day. The government may appeal to the Supreme Court.
The collection includes 4,000 hours of tapes, among them the notorious "smoking gun" tape in which Mr Nixon discussed the cover-up of the Watergate burglary in 1974. Facing impeachment, he re-signed four days after the tape was made public.

Tuesday's ruling stated that "history, custom and usage" indicated that the former president "had a well-grounded expectation of ownership" over the tapes. Since his resignation in the wake of the Watergate scandal in August 1974, Mr Nixon has brought times separate lawsuits claiming that his constitutional rights were violated by the serzure. A law in 1978 abolished private ownership of

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Three die in Lima **bombings**

FROM GABRIELA GAMUNI IN LIMA

BOMBS have killed three people and injured more than 90 in Lima over the past two days, as Pens prepared for elections on Sunday to choose a new single chamber of congress that will amend the

The bombings, which are blamed on Maoist Shining Path (Sendero Luminoso) guerrillas, are seen as the beginning of an offensive against the elections. The guerrillas have declared an "armed strike" and asked people to boycott the polls. Graffiti and pamphlets in Lima threaten that shop owners and workers will be killed if

they do not strike. The elections were called to return Peru to democratic rule after President Fujimori seized dictatorial powers in April, abolishing parliament and the judicial system with the aid of the military. The new parliament will be set up to amend the constitution, which Senor Fujimori says has benefited the Shining Path and drug

Despite the recent offensive by security forces against the leadership of the Shining Path, which included the capture in September, of Abimael Guzman, its leader, the guerrillas have shown they are still capable of causing havoc in Lima. They returned to their terror campaign a week ago, murdering Colonel Manuel Thumba, the director of the anti-terrorist police, and planting bombs outside banks and government buildings.
One of eight car bombs that

exploded on Tuesday destroyed dozens of buildings in the commercial centre of the plush district of Miraflores, killing one man and seriously injuring eight others. Other explosions wrecked a station and two schools in a shanty town area of the port district of Callao, 15 miles outside Lima, killing a policeman. Several car bombs also exploded outside banks and businesses in

The guerrillas are also said to he stopping buses and destroying voting cards.

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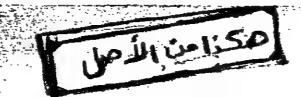
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Pakistan police brutality gives Bhutto propaganda victory



Sharif: future of his government in doubt

AND ZAHID HUSSAIN IN ISLAMABAD

MASSIVE police action against Benazir Bhutto has given her a propaganda triumph that has put her firmly back on the political map just over two years after being sacked at the behest of the army. Nawaz Sharif, the prime minister, is in deep political trouble at a time when the military is criticising him as well.

The army regards his administration as inept and corrupt — the very reasons cited for dismissing Miss Bhutto's government in August 1990.
Police had erected coils of

barbed wire round Miss Bhutto's house in Islamabad, the capital, to stop her getting out. She and her supporters climbed over the barricades. only to be charged by police with long canes known as

■ Benazir Bhutto is firmly back on the Pakistan political map. Police overkill has seriously damaged the government's standing

lathis. The violence conjured and charged, but refused to up memories of Pakistan's budge. After delivering a military dictatorships. Certainly it will discredit one of the few genuinely democratic governments Pakistan has

Miss Bhutto took at least one hit from a lathi, but she was unhurt. She got away in her imported Jeep and reached the sister city of Ra-walpindi, 15 miles away, by taking back lanes to dodge checkpoints. But she was spotted several times and tear-gas cannisters were fired at her vehicle. One of them hit it and another went through an open window and landed inside.

A crowd of at least 40,000 awaited her in Rawalpindi. They had been tear-gassed

speech attacking the government for brutality and incompetence, Miss Bhutto was surrounded by 200 police.

She was lathi-charged again, but was not hurt. She was wearing a flak jacket because, she said, she had received death threats. Iftikhar Niazi, deputy general inspec-tor of Punjab police, took the wheel of her Jeep and drove her away to an unknown

The Pakistan government said that Miss Bhutto had not been arrested, but simply escorted to Islamabad as she tried to lead a march on the capital. The government also

bloodbath from occurring during her threatened march. "She has not been arrested," Chaudhry Nisar Ali, a close

aide to the prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, told a press conference. "She was escorted back to Islamabad." Mr Ali said that the government had taken a "clear-cut decision in advance that Bhutto was not to be touched and issued clear

The minister said it was the responsibility of the govern-ment to protect the life and property of citizens and pre-vent casualties. The govern-ment stands vindicated," he said. "If the opposition continues to draw on the power of

act in the same fashion ... a the capital. Public buses were hundred times the government will react the same way."

Miss Bhutto could not have known at the time that her mother, Begum Nusrat Bhutto, aged 65, chairwoman of the Pakistan People's Party, had already been arrested 40 miles away in the Punjabi town of Gujranwala, as she was leading a procession from Lahore to Islamabad.

The security forces went to remarkable lengths to stop crowds reaching Rawalpindi. The army blew up the Khola bridge acrows the Jhelum river to seal off Pakistanicontrolled Kashmir and thus prevent Miss Bhutto's sympathisers from reaching Islamabad.

The military also set up 15ft barricades across a bridge on the main road from the North West Frontier Province. Huge deployments of police and paramilitary forces sealed off

banned from the roads and private buses were seized.

Despite all this, the demonstrators got through. That such a massive protest could happen in Punjab, the prime minister's stronghold, raises doubts about the future of Mr Sharif and his government Punjab is the most populous, the richest and the most politically powerful of the four

Miss Bhutto claimed yester

day that 20,000 people had been arrested. The more likely figure is around 15,000. In the North West Frontier Province alone, independent sources said that 7.000 were taken into custody. Every senior leader of Miss Bhutto's party was either arrested or went to ground to avoid arrest. Another senior opposition

leader, Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, who was acting prime

Miss Bhutto was sacked, was also arrested. After a day of such overkill, the question now is what is going to happen to ill Ili

Pakistan's young democracy.
One of two things might happen: President Ghulam Ishaq Khan, who dismissed Miss Bhutto as the army's urging, could do the same to Mr Sharif and call fresh elections. Or Mr Sharif might resign, leaving the governing Islamic Democrfatic Alliance to choose a successor. An army takeover is unlikely. Miss Bhutto timed her demonstration to exploit anger at the government's mishandling of the floods that damaged vast areas of Punjab farmland in the summer. She is also exploiting 50 per cent food price rises introduced over the past two years, severely hurting the

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Chinese signal tough fight on **Hong Kong**

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

BRITAIN put on a display of steady nerves over Hong Kong yesterday, despite deepening worries among some China experts that Peking has embarked on a course of the possible consequences for Sino-British trade.

China watchers in Britain gave a warning yesterday that, despite Mr Patten's offer to unrelenting opposition to the changes proposed by Chris Patten, the governor.

Mr Patten spent much of yesterday in Downing Street as he and John Major asessed further sharp falls in the Hong Kong stock market and the uncompromising Chinese reaction to Mr Patten's proposals for extending democracy. They discussed what tactics should be used to calm the

Their talks came as Zhu Rongji, a Chinese deputy prime minister, ended his visit to London. Mr Zhu repeated Chinese threats to tear up the 1984 joint declaration if Mr Patten persisted with plans that China maintains are incompatible with earlier agree-ments between London and

Patten, a close friend of the prime minister, and has told Mr Zhu that it does not accept Peking's accusations that his proposals contravene the basic aw or any subsequent under-

standings.
Whitehall officials said yesterday that they were not surprised that Mr Zhu spoke out on Hong Kong, though he was officially here to discuss trade. They also said that the Chinese reactions were expected. Mr Zhu did not go beyond threats already made in Peking and went out of his way to underline China's interest in expanding trade with

Officials played down the threat by Mr Zhu to overturn the 1984 agreement. They noted that he appeared reluc-tant during his Chatham House speech on Monday to bring up the issue of Hong Kong and did so only after prompting by the Chinese ambassador to London. He

consider other plans, Peking would be unlikely to back down in its opposition. They said that the Chinese leadership was taken aback and angered by the robust initiative by Mr Patten and took it as a political challenge.

Although China has tried to show that his speech was incompatible legally with past agreements, its opposition is really based on the failure to obtain Chinese consent in advance for the proposals and democracy in the colony anathema to a leadership that is committed still to firm Communist political control despite encouraging economic liberalisation.

Neither Mr Zhu nor other leaders in Peking have pointed to specific breaches of Sino-The government has given British agreements in Mr strong public backing to Mr. Patten's plans, But analysis said that China saw no reason to negotiate on Mr Patten's plans and would not waive any element of the joint declaration.

"Mr Patten is a British politicien used to dealing with British politicians, not tough nation-states run by Stalinist nationalists." one expert said. "He presented rational arguments which he expects to be reciprocated rationally. That is not the case."

Analysts said the Chinese

side was probably pleased with Mr Zhu's visit here because it had gone smoothly, although he was able to con-vey Peking's displeasure. They said China was likely to intensagainst the Patten plans and would put enormous pressure on influential Hong Kong residents to denounce the proposals, despite the widespread support they now command according to recent opinion



Smiling through: John Major and Chris Patten cheerful yesterday despite worries about Peking's opposition to the proposed extension of democracy in Hong Kong

Singapore 'miracle worker' berates Filipinos

Lee sees danger in democracy

FROM ABBY TAN IN MANILA

LEE Kuan Yew, Singapore's senior minister, urged Filipinos yesterday to concentrate on economics and not on politics if the Philippines wanted to join the ranks of the newly industrialised

The former prime minister of Singapore, credited as the founder of the prosperous city state, told a Philippines business conference that the Philippines' US-style democracy was the wrong system of government. He said that Filipinos loved politicking too much, and lacked the will to. cut down vested interests which control monopolies to the detriment of growth.

"Contrary to what American political commentators say." Mr Lee said, "I do not believe that democracy necessarily leads to development. I believe that what a country needs to develop is discipline more than democracy. The exuberance of democracy leads to undisciplined and disorderly conditions, which

are inimical to development."

The US-style constitution was the most difficult to operate in the world. Mr Lee said, suggesting that the Philippines needs a strong, honest

government. He added: "I do

not believe Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong or Singapore could have succeeded as they have done if they had had to work under such a constitu-tion, where 'gridlock' on every major issue is a way of life."

The Philippines, the poor-est among the Association of South-East Asian Nations (Ascan) and lagging behind



has been eager for Mr Lee's advice. While the rest of Ascan and east Asia has registered growth of 6 to 10 per cent for many years, the Philippines have had nearzero growth in the past two

The country is beset with a huge foreign debt, high birth rate, natural disasters, and

quarrelsome póliticians. Earlier, Mr Lee gave President Ramos the same message. that the Filipinos must "get their act together" because Manila must now compete with newly emerging free market economies, such as China and Vietnam.

Mr Lee told Filipino businessmen that restoring law and order and weeding out corruption were priorities for. the country. The kidnappings of wealthy businessmen, with the connivance of the police and soldiers, had been damaging to foreign investment.
The Philippines must free

its economy from monopoly and control so that industries can compete. Savings must rise, taxes be collected and the budget deficit be controlled. He said Vietnam could overtake the Philippines and the Filipinos would have no one to blame, not even America, whose forces leave Subic naval base next Tuesday. "There will be no foreign military presence to proscribe the growth of the Filipino na-

tion," he said. Mr Lee has been touring Vietnam, China and Kazakhstan as elder statesman to advise on transition to free

Yeltsin seeks capitalist friends in Korea

FROM MICHAEL BREEN IN SEOUL

Korea yesterday at the start of a three-day visit aimed at opening a new chapter in relations with a former enemy.

By making his first Asian trip to the anti-communist foe of the former Soviet Union. Mr Yeltsin is projecting Russia as a new capitalist partner of its eastern neighbours. He hopes to prod other states, especially Japan, into closer economic relationships.

The Asia initiative got off to a bad start in September when Mr Yeltsin cancelled a planned trip to Tokyo and Seoul because of a dispute over Japanese demands that Russia should return the Kurile islands, seized by the Soviet. Union after the second world war. The Tokyo visit has still

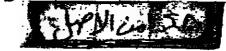
not been rescheduled. The police prevented about 40 protesters, relatives of victims of the South Korean airliner shot down in 1983. from demonstrating along the route near the airport. Earlier, they had waved placards out-side the Russian embassy declaring "Yeltsin must compensate the victims' families"

and "Yelisin must apologise". Mr Yeltsin is expected to make some form of apology for the missile attack which killed all 269 on board. Rus-

BORIS Yeltsin flew into South sian officials in his entourage may meet the victims' families. Most of the protesters believe that somehow their relatives are still alive and being held by Russia. Some say people may have baled out of the aircraft before it hit the water. Officials in Seoul said the Russian leader had promised to return the aircraft's black box, but did not expect him to deliver it on this trip. Last month Mr Yeltsin gave Korean officials some transcripts that were said to be from the cockpit voice

recorder Mr Yeltsin laid a wreath at the national cemetery for those killed in the 1950-53 Korean war, a poignant symbol of new realities for older Koreans who lived through the devastation. The communist government in North Korea, which started the war, was the protégé of Stalin, the Soviet leader at that

President Yeltsin will meet President Roh Tae Woo today to discuss economic, political and military co-operation and sign a treaty spelling out the new friendly ties between Seoul and Moscow, South Korean officials say the leaders will also discuss North Korea's alleged nuclear weap-



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Furore over Goldstone will not halt ANC talks

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN PRETORIA

PRESIDENT de Klerk spent much of last night with his colleagues discussing the furore surrounding Judge Richard Goldstone's revelations of a high-level military operation to destabilise the African National Congress by implicating its armed wing in various criminal activities.

Before the meeting started, the president said that he was "seriously concerned" by the allegations. In particular, the ministers discussed what their reaction should be to Judge Goldstone's request for greater resources and greater authority to investigate the armed forces and police forces, as well as the armed wings of the black liberation movements.

Gene Louw, the defence minister, issued a categorical denial of several of Judge Goldstone's statements, declaring himself in "serious dispute" with them. He insisted that it was not correct to say that he or General AJ. Liebenberg, the chief of the South African defence force, supported statements which had been made by Lieutenant General George Meiring, the chief of the army.

chief of the army.

Roelf Meyer, the former defence minister, said on television that it was apparent that members of military intelligence had disobeyed his "clear instructions" that no clandestine operations were to be undertaken to discredit political opponents. "Strong action" should be taken against these intelligence officers, he said.

said.

Western diplomats and other observers yesterday agreed that the president's credibility had been badly damaged by the disclosures of the past week in which, as the newspaper Business Day pointed out, either his integrity is in tatters, for perhaps more frightening by he has lost control of his



De Klerk: credibility now badly damaged

administration". The ANC has long complained of a programme of dirty tricks undertaken against it by the security forces, so there is general agreement here that the revelations are unlikely to upset the progress of negotiations towards constitutional

reform.

So far the ANC has limited itself to a statement of full support for Judge Goldstone's request "for the authority and power to carry out, in full, the recommendations of the United Nations Security Council". Relations between the ANC and the government were firmly broken off after the Boipatong massacre in June, which the ANC blamed on Mr de Klerk and his lack of control of the police. In fact, negotiations continued under a different guise, and the progress towards a new constitution was fairly rapid, even though the two sides were not officially talking.

It is not now expected that the Goldstone revelations will cause a further highus. A summit-level meeting between the ANC and the government is still being planned for later this month. The main problem bedevilling negotiations at present is the intransigence of Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the president of the Inkatha Freedom Party, who is still refusing to talk to the greaternment.

Other political parties have adopted different stances. The more militant Pan Africanist Congress; for example, yesterday announced its opposition to the Goldstone commission being given greater powers, saying that violence was a political, not a legal, problem and that the only body capable of addressing the issues objectively was a transitional

The Democratic Party called on the president for firm action to prevent any further action by the defence force from bedevilling the negotiation gencess. There also appears to be a hardline attitude among the white population, which was expressed in the leader column of The Citizen, a Johannesburg daily which usually supports the government. Calling the notion of giving the Goldstone commission extra powers "ridiculous", the paper asked "Where in the world could a commission extra powers and insisted "the powers he already has should be severely curtailed".

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Leading role: Sophia Loren, the actress, receiving her UN passport as goodwill ambassador to world refugees in Geneva yesterday. Her first trip is to Somalia

Nightly killings in Luanda bury hopes of democracy

FROM SAM KILEY

SITTING in the shade of the Camama cemetery, two grave-diggers watched Angolan government riot police drive through the gates, throw seven people, including two women, out of the back of a Toyota pick-up and shoot them down on the tarmac forecourt. Four other prisoners were marched to the white wall of the cemetery, forced to dig a single grave for themselves, and butchered on the spot.

butchered on the spot.

They did not dig deep. The process of decay made a leg burst from the ground where it remains pointing to the sky as a rotting combstone marking the place where any chance of democracy started to die. In all, 16 members of Jonas Savimbi's Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) were killed in the city's biggest cemetery on November 2. Another four were killed immediately outside.

The killers, members of the

The killers, members of the government's paramilitary Emergency Police (known as Ninjas), were enthusiastic about their work. Forty spent cartridges lay in the sand six feet from where the dead were entombed in shallow graves.

The frenzy of killing in



Luanda, a month after Dr Savimbi refused to accept the loss of Angola's first free elections and retreated to the heartland of his Ovimbundu tribesmen, has not ceased. The government and its supporters have launched a pogrom against the Ovimbundu (from southern Angola) and the BaKongo (from the north),

Unita's traditional supporters.

In the gully that runs through the centre of this slum, an Ovimbundu father of four said that every night men from the north or south of the city are dragged from their homes, taken to the Fortaleza police station near by, and mundered.

A neighbour said he had been caught visiting a cousin and shot in the foot by policemen who accused him of being a Unita supporter. "I was saved because, as I was being marched with the bullet in my foot to Fortaleza, my cousin (a woman), who knew some of the police, begged them to let me go and they

did," he said.

Supporters of President dos Santos's Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola are safe in Luanda, an MPLA stronghold, and there have been reports of Unita killing its opponents elsewhere in the country. But diplomats in the capital said that they doubted that the scale matched the nightly massacres that have blighted Luanda since the collapse of the election process at the end of September.

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"We are guessing, but the number of murdered, almost all from the Ovimbundu or BaKongo, must be about

6,000," an ambassador said.

The Luanda government still claims to be anxious to bring Unita back into negotiations and the peace process, but observers agree that for any Unita personality to return to Luanda would be suicidal — especially for Dr Savimbi, who has also threatened whites, mixed-race people and Portuguese citizens in what is now a racial and tribal showdown.

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ACHIEVEMENT HAS A NAME



All's almost fair in love and war

Last week's court ruling reinstating a homosexual man to naval duty is the first liberal demonstration of Clinton's

presidential promises, Kate Muir reports

'I had a high

profile. Others who have

come out have

had very

vindictive

treatment'

after his first day back at work. His answering machine was completely filled with messages of congratulation and enquiry. Back in his naval uniform. he had become a piece of history -America's first openly homosexual man to keep his job in the military.

"It's my first day back since August. It was good, it was great, there was no backlash against me." said the 30-year-old officer, who is a sonar crew instructor at Moffat naval air station in California.

Mr Meinhold won the case which lays down that sexual orientation should not preclude military service last week. The judge declared: "This is not a military dictatorship ...

Here, the rule of law applies to the military." Dozens of similar cases had fore, but suddenly there seemed to be a change in temperature, brought on by the impending change in govern-ment. Soon after the United States Navy was told to Presi-Meinhold,

dent-elect Bill Clinton made his first concrete policy decision, and vowed to rescind the defence department's ban on homosexuals of both sexes — a promise made in his manifesto.

On Monday of this week, the navy appealed against the judgment. The appeal collapsed. "We know there have always been gays in the military," said Mr Clinton in Little Rock earlier this week. "The issue is whether they can be in the military without lying about it." He said the change in policy would be accompanied by a strict code of conduct to deal with inappropriate sexual behaviour. "There is a great deal of difference between people doing something wrong and their status or

For Mr Meinhold, the battle is not yet over, and he will continue to campaign until the law is changed for everyone else, "I wouldn't come flying out of the closet right now, but it looks as if there is light at the end of the tunnel."

In a telephone interview from his home in Palo Alto, Mr Meinhold said he was delighted by Mr Clinton's deciaration, but that there is still lot of fear within the military. Mr Meinhold declared his homosexuality on television, and thinks that made him less easy to victimise. "I had a high media profile. Other people who have come out have had very vindictive treatment and are often thrown in jail." Because of the fear, he says he got almost no support from homosexuals still serving in the military. "They were very concerned it could affect their careers just being associated with me."

While the courts and politicians head towards liberalising the rules.

etty Officer Keith there remains strong opposition Meinhold was exuberant among military top brass. General after his first day back at Colin Powell, who is likely to stay on as the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff under President Clinton, has said that accepting homosexuals will violate privacy and esprit de corps. He told Congress: "It is difficult in a military setting where there is no privacy, where you don't get a choice of association.

Navy Commander Eugene Gomulka, who is the deputy chaplain of the marines, added that "in the unique, intensely close environment of the military, homosexual conduct can threaten the lives, including the physical and psychological well-being of others".

Although threats of mass-resigna-tions following the change are exaggerated, ordi-

nary servicemen are disgruntled, citing worries about having showers, shar-ing barracks and catching Aids, even though all personyearly medicals to see whether they are HIV positive, and discharged if they have the illness. Of course, many servicemen were disgruntled about

women in the armed forces, too, but they were not having to deal with them in their

own shower rooms or barracks. The strong streak of homophobia in many young soldiers means homosexual lobbyists such as the Human Rights Campaign Fund are predicting a rough ride for anyone trying to leave the closet. The clumsy handling of the Tailhook sexual harassment scandal, which resulted in the resignation of the navy secretary, bodes badly, according to Gregory King of the campaign The military needs to do a much better job on integration. After all, American soldiers must work with foreign troops on joint manoeuvres, many of whom are openly gay, so it's hard to work together if Americans are brainwashed into despising them." Mr King added that the arguments being used against homosexuals now mirrored those used against the integration of blacks in 1948.

The public is more open-minded than the military itself. A poll by the American magazine Newsweek in August showed 59 per cent supported allowing homosexuals to serve. Mr Clinton often frames his support for the policy in the negative, asking whether homosexuals should be allowed to avoid military service. and adding that it is behaviour on the job that should count for a

soldier, not sexual orientation. About 1,000 homosexual personnel are discharged from the US military each year, almost half from the navy, compared to the army, air force and marines, who expel far fewer. The government's general accounting office has estimated the gay dismissal policy costs \$27 mil-



Returning with honour: Keith Meinhold, holding his uniform, goes back to Moffat naval air station after winning his case

lion (E! 7.7 million) a year in wasted training, education and legal and administrative time. Sacking a homosexual fighter pilot puts paid to \$1 million worth of training.

A Pentagon report commissioned in 1989 examined the service records of veterans who had declared their homosexuality and discovered they had work records on a par with heterosexuals. It added that homosexuality carried much less of a stigma than it did previously, and recommended the ban should be lifted. Nothing was done.

A 1991 report investigated homosexuality and blackmail as a security risk, and concluded "sexual orientation is unrelated to moral character or patriotism". Out of the 117 cases of espionage since 1945, only seven men were identified as homosexual. and their motives were the same as heterosexuals "primarily money. secondly resentment". Even Dick Cheney, the defence secretary, has dismissed the security argument as "a bit of an old chestnut", but said the policy would stay for reasons of

morale and discipline. Hundreds of homosexual men served in Vietnam. Claiming homo-sexuality was a traditional way of avoiding the draft, but it rarely worked, and homosexual orientation did not exempt a man from going to war. Only the commission of homosexual acts was banned.

his policy of allowing those of homosexual orientation to serve remained until 1982, when the Reagan administration clamped down and "honourably discharged" two thousand personnel in one year. But since then honourable discharges for homosexuality have decreased.

Joe Stephan was given a honourable discharge from the élite Annapolis naval academy after he had admitted to friends he was homosexual. Now 28, he has become a lawyer in Hartford, Connecticut,

instead, although he was listed in his final year at Annapolis as one of the top ten midshipmen. He is still fighting for reinstatement. Although he no longer expects to return to a military career, he wants his diploma from Annapolis as a

matter of principle.
His homosexuality was discovered after he told two close friends and the rumour suddenly got around. Confronted by senior members of staff, he admitted being gay and they said they would have to discharge him. One of the real surprises about it all was I expected to be shunned and rejected by my classmates, but instead they rallied round and were supportive."

When he was questioned by senior officers before his discharge, Mr Stephan said it was clear they were not enthusiastic about prying or getting rid of him. "Some people in the military just feel bound to do their job, even though they don't agree with the policy."

Mr Stephan has many homosexual friends still serving in the military, and there is a large homosexual underground, as well as a veterans' association. He said the military officers' academies like Annapolis have now set up a secret homosexual atomni association.

By this time next year, it is expected that such societies will no longer have to remain secret. Once the American law changes, Britain will be the only Nato country which still bans homosexuals in its military. Last month, Canada's courts declared the military's ban on homosexuals as unconstitutional. violating human rights.

In Britain, the ban was questioned last year by the House of Commons defence select committee which suggested it "causes very real distress and the low to the services of some men and women of undoubted competence and good character". The American decision will add to the pressure for change.

cases are diagnosed every year,

more than half in men under

35. Dr Trevor Roberts, a.

consultant at Newcastle Gen-

eral Hospital, says testicular

cancer has nothing to do with

wearing tight trousers or being

rampantly promiscuous, but

young men are still embar-rassed to admit they might

have it. The first sign is usually

a painless lump, swelling or

not only improves the chances

of a cure but less treatment will

be needed to achieve that

cure," Dr Roberts says. "You

only have to get into the habit of feeling your testicles regu-larly. But I have never met a

patient who has checked himself."

his testicles were aching.

back pain was actually being

caused by testicular cancer.

Dr Roberts says.
"Occasionally it still hap-

pens with breast cancer pa-

tients. I still see women who

Dr Colin Waine, the chair-

College of General Practitio-

ners, believes the most difficult

ations and impotency are the

biggest taboo subjects," he

says. "The media have been

very good at breaking many

taboos but general practitio-

ners must also learn to gauge

"Some patients prefer using

words such as stool while others will prefer an Anglo-

their patients.

consider a mastectomy."

"Seeking early treatment

hardness in one testicle.

Scots and the law of mercy

In Scotland, there would be

no Bland case

fered his injuries at a Scottish football ground rather than an English ground it is doubtful his family and doctors would be subjected to the public agony of today's judgment and possi-bly subsequent hearings at the Court of Appeal and House of

In Scotland, with a legal system separate to that of England and Wales, the need for a court case to decide whether doctors could allow him to die would simply not arise. As long as his parents gave their permission and a second medical opinion had been obtained, doctors could remove the feeding tubes which have been keeping the 22-year-old alive in Airedale Hospital since he was crushed against the crowd barrier of Hillsborough football stadium in Sheffield on April 15, 1989.

The Scottish courts would not be involved. Mr Bland could die with the dignity his parents have asked for. The doctors who discontinued the feeding would be free from prosecution.

The position in Scotland is that the Crown Office, ulti-

Mr Bland could die with dignity. The doctors who discontinued the feeding would be free from prosecution

mately in charge of prosecutions in Scottish courts, has taken the view that it would not be a criminal offence to allow patients in a persistent vegetative state (PVS) to die.

There has been no test case as such in Scotland, but following an approach within the last two years by lawyers acting for Scottish health boards, the Crown Office has given an assurance that there is nothing criminal, in its view, in stopping a PVS patient's food

supply.

They said they regarded it as acceptable, which suggests they did not see it as a criminal offence," says Dr Alexander McCall-Smith, the reader in law at Edinburgh University and a co-author of The Law and Medical Ethics. "The Crown Office took the view that there was no need to proceed with a non-productive treatment."

There was nothing particularly startling about the Crown Office position. Historically. the law in Scotland has tended not to interfere with medical judgment.
"The Crown Office may

have taken a look at a criminal case which dealt with the causal significance of turning off a respirator where the court clearly endorsed medical judgment," Dr McCall-Smith says. "Historically, the law really did not interfere with medical judgment on abortion matters even before the 1967 act. The law is much more left to

doctors to deal with: a sort of

One of his patients was seeing a female doctor for back cultural tendency." Precisely how many pa-tients in the UK are in PVS is hard to tell as pain. He was 19, had recently become sexually active and did not want to tell his doctor that health authorities keep no That meant it took her longer to work out that the

figures. Estimates range from 500 to 1,500. According to Dr Vivienne Nathanson, secretary to the British Medical Association in Scotland, the decisions on what should happen to a

patient have been largely left in Scotland to the doctors. "Essentially the Crown Office is taking the view, as I see it, that if a doctor says this is an artificial form of life support in someone with no hope of recovery, then, rather like switching the ventilator off in a brain-stem-dead patient, there is no difference in withdrawing artificial feeding in a PVS

patient. That is a very practical and pragmatic view. Despite that pragmatism, however, Dr Nathanson and Scottish doctors would still like to see some form of guidelines emerging from the Tony

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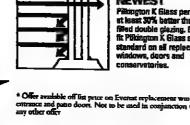
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Patients who cannot mention intimate problems die from the embarrassment

hat do you do if you have an unmention-▼ able pain in an unspeakable place? Do you calmly go to your doctor, sit down and explain, without blushing, that your stools are discoloured, that you have a discharge, that your testicles have swollen?

embarrassment and swear to all your colleagues that your nagging pain is due to an

ingrowing toenail?
Thousands of people could be literally dying of embarrassment because of the taboo surrounding such subjects as bowel cancer. We all have bowels, sexual organs, discharges and odd protrusions and yet it seems that we'd rather not.

John Northover, the head of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Bowel Cancer Unit, says many of the 27,000 people a year in Britain who develop bowel cancer wait six to nine months before consulting a doctor about their symptoms. By that time more than 50 per

cent are beyond hope.

Mr Northover is the joint author of a new book he hopes will help to break down the taboo. The book, Bowel Cancer - The Facts, explains how the bowel works and when you should see a doctor. "Any change in bowel habit that persists for more than two weeks should be referred to a doctor," Mr Northover says.

In the UK bowel cancer is the second most common cancer after lung cancer so it is vital that we learn to talk about the symptoms but even Mr Northover squirms slightly at the mention of certain words. What can be done to lower

the squirm count? "Ideally, we need to screen everybody above the age of 55," Mr Northover says. "The problem is that it is hard to get people to do the test and send it off More than a quarter of people

Candid talk saves lives



we ask to collect a sample of eces refuse point-blank." The British are worse than their continental counterparts. "The French and Germans are very amus-orientated. They use a lot of anal suppositories. Mr Northover says.

Other diseases suffer a similar image problem. Dr Diana Moran, the deputy director at the Margaret Pyke family planning centre, calls it "the down-below syndrome". She says: "Few patients feel relaxed while talking about anything to do with their sexual organs, breasts or bowels. They are embarrassed using such terms as vulva, especially if they are seeing a male doctor."

Often her patients consult her about a different problem. such as headaches or backache, and have to have the real problem wheedled out of them. "Men find it particularly difficult to come to the fertility clinic especially if they have to bring a semen sample," Dr Moran says. "Women hate coming to the colposcopy clinic to check on an abnormal smear. The very word smear makes them feel dirty and cheap. We try to make them feel normal."

be tempting fate."

sultant gynaecologist, believes that many women put off a smear test or a breast cancer check because they worry about bothering their doctor. "Women get bleeding after intercourse or pains in their lower abdomen and just dismiss them," he says. "Our most pressing need is to educate people to recog-

Another leg-crosser is testicular cancer. A thousand new

There are also the patients

have known for ages they have who would really rather not a lump but are too embarknow. Dr Moran says: "Some rassed and too frightened to women leave a smear test because they are convinced that if they have one they will man of the council of the Royal field is still the psycho-sexual r Joe Jordan, a confield. "Minor sexual devi-

nise their symptoms.*

Saxon four-letter word. ALICE THOMSON

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A thirst for **Ecstasy**

RUTHLESS rave promoters are allegedly restricting the supply of water to dancers rendered overpoweringly thirsty by the drug Ecstasy, so that the revellers may be persuaded to buy more costly drinks. At the same time, it has been reported that several would-be nannies have been sacked from the Norland Nursery Training College for experimenting with the

Both ravers and emergent namnies should read the British Medical Journal editorial by Dr John Henry, consultant physician at Guy's on the pharmacology of Ecstasy, a

drug first patented in 1913 as an appetite suppressant — and rejected for this purpose.

Ecstasy can cause a wide variety of psychic changes it is a stimulant which usually causes feelings of benevolence. but can induce depression, paranoia, even hallucinations. Physically, Ecstasy's most dangerous pharmacological effect is to destabilise the body's temperature control, so that the dancer becomes dangerously overheated and dehy-drated, hence the thirst. Other physical side effects range from the bizarre - toothgrinding - to the dangerous: hyperpyrexia (fever), hyper-tension, convulsions, liver discase and acute renal failure have all been reported, and are apt to be accentuated by exercise, including dancing.

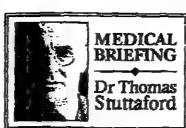
Hard act to swallow

HENRY FORD encapsulated the view of the parsimonious with regard to choice when he decreed that his customers could have their cars any colour they wanted, so long as it was black. The health department is now beginning to display the Ford spirit in its approach to NHS prescribing. Although British GPs issue fewer prescriptions than their counterparts in other developed countries, much of the increased cost of prescriptions over the past few years can be related to the increasing age of the

Another cause for increased prescribing costs has been the emphasis rightly placed by the government on preventive medicine. But the debit side has been that the diseases, once discovered as the result of the general practitioners' diagnostic clinics, thereafter have to be treated. It would seem pointless to introduce screening to the NHS if the diseased patients are then neglected.

Whatever the reasons for the 12 per cent increase in prescribing costs over the last 12 months, the beady eye of the health secretary has recently fallen on the contraceptive pill. She wants to limit the number of types available for prescription by NHS doctors to ten, whereas the Mims list contains about 35. Presumably as this is a cost-cutting exercise, the chosen ten would come from the cheaper end of the spectrum.

The contraceptive pill, for all its medical and social advantages, has side effects and is sometimes unsuitable for a patient. These are problems which are



understood and which can be accommodated either by changing the type of pall or by opting for another form of contraception. Rather than see the imroduction of measures likely to discourage the prescription of the Pill. family doctors are warning that the government should be advocating its use. If reliance on the condom alone is recommended, it may well reduce the chance of catching infection — whether HIV or the longer-established sexually transmitted diseases - but the abortion rate will rise.

Pulse magazine reports that increases in the abortion rates of 18-year-olds can be correlated to the publicity on HIV and the advocacy of condoms as a means of preventing its spread—as well as the exaggerated stare about the incidence of cancer of the breast amongst Pill users. The very slight increase in the possibility of developing breast enters is a republic to the open as breast cancer is a problem, but one so small that it is fortunately only revealed by the detailed study of statistics, rather than by clinical observation. Even so it remains a worry, however slight.

The news, therefore, that recent experimental research has shown that gestodene, the progestogen which is used in one or two of the combined contraceptive pills, Femodene and Minulet, may have breast protective qualities was particularly welcome.

Although these are at the moment only theoretical advantages, demonstrated in the laboratory rather than in the clinic, the evidence is strong enough to persuade many doctors to recommend them. The list cost for pills including gestodene is £5.70 for three months, as opposed to under £2 for the cheapest pill. In future will doctors and patients therefore be denied this choice? Pills with different compositions send

to have different patterns of side effects. Women therefore who do not have wellaccepted contraindications to their use should not accept the assumption that the Pill just "doesn't suit them". Some pills may be less suitable for women with uregular bleeding: other formulations may, for instance, reduce the chance of weight gain or irritability. Patients and their doctors value the opportunity to select the best pill for an individual NHS patient, with the choice being determined by her physiology, and the hormone halance of the Pill, rather than

Deprived of their market, manufac turers might well be tempted to abandon the search for perfection, and merely provide the cheapest, a pharmacological equivalent of the black Model



Health and the grape

THE French minister of agriculture's plea to the public to drink more white wine - to counteract the hardship which might be caused in the vineyards by the American plan to impose swingeing import duties on white wine - has outraged some of France's health experts. Americans, who now import more than 25 per cent of the French white burgundy produced, have just given a hoost to their own production of red wine. The US government has agreed, according to reports in Mims magazine, to a Californian wine grower's application to label 100,000 bottles of his

wine with the slogan that moderate drinking of red wine "reduces the risk of heart disease". Other vintners will

certainly follow his lead.

British experts have for the past 30 years or so been chary of encouraging any drinking of alcohol. and have maintained that any cardio-protective advantage is not restricted but is also present in a glass of whisky, beer, or even a gin and tonic. Alcohol tends to reduce the proportion of the blood fat carrying the pernicious low density form which is in part responsible for the dogging of the coronary arteries with atheroma. It also reduces platelet stickiness, it is claimed. Platelets are the small blood cells which dump together to form clots.

High on the now and Zen

Can the mind conquer a mountain?

Will Self meets a man who knows

evillé Shuhman is a tireless worker on behalf of children's charities. As the chairman of the George Thomas Society, the section of the National Children's Home (NCH) concerned specifically with helping abused children. he has set himself the challenge of performing one adventurous sponsored undertaking every year. For 1990this was the ascent of Mont ... Blanc. At 15,771 ft, the highest peak in Europe, it is a fearsome mountain that has claimed as many as 30 climbers' lives in a year. Mr Shulman raised £50,000 for the NCH. He has now written a book which explains how he, a completely inexperienced

dimber, managed to reach the

On top: Neville Shulman summit through his applica-

tion of Zen philosophy. Mr Shulman has been interested in Zen for 30 years. "I practise on and off. Sometimes I find myself very much involved and at other times it takes rather a back seat."

He undertook the Mont Blanc climb after doing little more training than a daily run with a heavy rucksack. Joining a party of eight, he set off up the mountain carrying a Zen notebook to record how his e practice helped to sustain him.

For him, the attraction of climbing is similar to that of Zen itself. He compares Mallory's famous formulation of the drive to conquer Everest, "because it was there", with the "koans", or paradoxical riddles of Zen. In climbing the mountain, he was forcing himself to live in the "here and now" and to strive for the enlightenment promised to those who practise "bare

The climb was penilous and

gruelling. At one point he had to spend 16 hours in an ice hole snowed in with one of his companions. There were falls, scrapes, and Mr. Shulman, who had an injured knee the equilibrium provided by zozen (zen practice) in order to place himself mushin: "mu" meaning empty, or in a void; and "shin", spirit.

Mr Shulman placed himself in a very lonely — some might say foolhardy — situation, for he had not informed the leaders of the expedition quite what a novice he was. However, this did allow him to gain the maximum benefit afforded by dhyana, or meditation. During the ascent he deployed meditational techniques both to deal with pain and fatigue, and to enable him to experience the raw beauty of the mountain with a transcendent intensity. When he reached the summit, he felt he had achieved satori, or enlightenment. In his notebook he observes: "I feel uplifted; my heart swelling to fill my body. my shin lifting me higher. am experiencing the high of sheer spiritual joy."

he book is both a piece of descriptive prose, and a manual for the application of Zen technique in the face of constant danger. "I wrote it partly in emulation of a book called Zen in the Art of Archery, which inspired me. But I hope there's something for everyone, some practical help, some indication of the universal nature of cont-

involvements, Mr Shulman is the chairman of the British International Theatre Institute, and a modern-art trustee for the Tate. He also works as a film and theatrical producer. this activity to prove to myself that there is something I can do well. But, then again, the

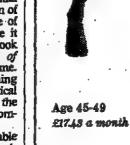
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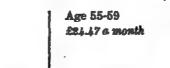


As well as his charitable "Perhaps I keep on with all essence of Zen is to push

oneself to the limit." But Mr Shulman's practice of Zen is quite atypical. He himself is a deist, and sees his religious affiliation as within the Judaeo Christian legacy of faith. This is somewhat unlike the Buddha who was meant to have responded to the question "Does God exist?", with the answer: "Maybe, maybe not. Who cares?" For Mr Shuhnan, Zen is a practical philosophy, a kind of supersport training for the soul. Unlike Buddhists, with their objective of negating ego altogether. Mr Shulman looks to Zen for the strength he needs in his daily life. "It teaches you. to contemplate the infinite, to remember that you're just another little particle, but that you have a responsibility to all

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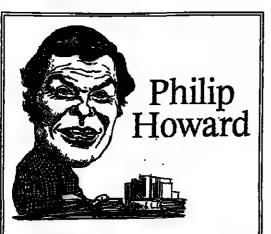
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How would most wretched Tube passengers even know that there was a strike on?

n journalistic cliché, a strike of the London Underground will create shock, horror, chaos, even worse gridlock than usual, as heroic commuters struggle in late for work with travellers' tales to make Herodotus shout with envy. In practice, it will be difficult for those of us who voyage to and from work daily on the Tube to detect the difference made by an all-out strike. At least we shall be spared the unease caused by deafening but unintelligible announcements over faulty loudspeakers, with crackles to the effect that someone inaudible somewhere on the system is going to experience unusual delays to some snap-cracklewheeee destinations for improbable or indecipherable reasons. Delays on the Tube are usual. If they made their announcements only when the trains are running to time, the inarticulate buffoons would save their passengers panic, and be called on to exercise their useless loudspeakers only once a month.

It is a delusion to suppose that everything, from the grammar of the young to the morals of the royals, gets worse every day in every way. But this is true at least about the London Tube. As little as ten years ago, the first underground railway in the world was still a pleasure to travel on. True, its trains were noisier than the Paris Metro, and its station nomenclature less romantic than Babylone, and Champs Élysées and Mouton de Vernet (omitting Stalingrad). A current Parisian hit song by Pierre Peret consists of just the names of its Mètro stations. But Theydon Bois and Stamford Brook have a misleadingly pastoral sound. I once made the perilous journey to the end of the Piccadilly Line simply to see what Cockfosters is like, and the answer is, like the rest of the system.

Tor those who work in Wapping, Notting Hill is not the most convenient place to live, shuated on the other side of Town. But at least the journey is the farthest you can travel on the inner zone of the Underground, so you feel you are getting your money's worth. I save up E342.67 to buy an annual season ticket, because I found I was wasting several days a year

queuing to renew my weekly season.

And I have an embarrassment of alternative routes spread out before me, like a patient with varicose veins etherised upon a table:Central Line (which used to be a star route) to Holborn to stride down to Temple; or to Bank, for a longer and nastier walk with an abseil down circular stairs to Monument. When it first opened, you could take the Docklands Light Railway from Bank to Shadwell on an inner zone ticket, and see the sky. But not now that Shadwell is in zone 2, an inner rather than the

The route without changing is the Circle Line, from Notting Hill Gate to Tower Hill. Since these stations are diametrically opposite each other, a Circle train in either direction will do. But the authorities advise their "customers" to go anti-clockwise. It is against my interests to make this public, but you do better to ignore their advice, and go clockwise. Better still, take the first Circle Line in either direction, which is why vou can see me at 8 - am and pm - standing near the exit from the platform looking wildly at the indicators on both sides. (They are usually wrong, and flash CORRECTION, making my head swivel like a metronome trying to keep up with the Ride of the Valkyries).

ven if you get a rare Circle Line going anti-clockwise from Tower Hill, you are not home and dry. In its infinite wisdom, the system often converts a perfectly good Circle Line train en route into a Metropolitan one at Baker Street. Unless you hear the gibberish announcements, you are likely to wake up among the golden domes and minarets of the Goldhawk Road, with a ticket collector accusing you of fare-dodging.

There are good friends who work on the Underground, who cheer me on my way at the beginning and the end of the day. They are underpaid and demoralised, and should spend less time in their snugs and more on the platforms. Scandalously little has been spent on modernising the Tube over the past decade. The journey is cheap, and we should pay more. If there is a strike, I shall walk to work across the best parks in London and then the Embankment. This should take under two hours, which is what the Tube takes on a bad night. And I shall see the birds and the Thames.

The abortion issue will haunt the Taoiseach in next week's vote, writes Conor Cruise O'Brien

ightharpoonup has taken a sensational turn, with a sharp drop in support for Fianna Fail. A poll published at the weekend shows support at 41 per cent, six points down on the previous Monday. That represents a loss of seven seats, nearly 10 per cent of Fianna Fail's parliamentary strength: a sickening reverse for a party which only ten days ago was talking confidently about an overall majority. Now it looks as if it may end up in opposition. with government in the hands of a "rainbow coalition" of Fine Gael, Labour and the Progres-

sive Democrats. Most commentators are blaming the decline in Fianna Fail's support on "the Albert factor". The Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds, is personally unpopular: partly for having precipitated an unnecessary election, partly for unmannerly conduct, as evinced by his public use. twice, of the word "crap". Certainly 'the Albert factor' is not helping Fianna Fail, but I do not think it can account for all of the fall in support: nearly ten points down from its pre-elec-

I believe that Fianna Fail's reat mistake was to call the abortion referendum on the same day as the elections. The ferendum a proposition covernegative feelings aroused by the ing what is called "the but children ing what is called "the but children ing what is called "the pro-choice" people, does

Ireland's 'Albert factor'

abortion issue and referendum substantial issue". This proposiare rubbing off on Fianna Fail. It is true that abortion is not, formally, an issue in the elections; none of the parties is talking about it and the media treat the elections and the tripartite referendum as entirely separate issues. But life doesn't work like that.

Consider the American elections. Both George Bush and Bill Clinton, on the campaign trail, avoided the abortion issue. All the same, the avoided issue had a major impact on the outcome. A Republican analyst stated that his party had been 'murdered in the suburbs" by Republican women "deserting in droves", over the "pro-life" plank in the platform silently adopted by the Houston Convention.

In Ireland, the equivalent of the American "suburbs" is Greater Dublin, the area in which Fianna Fail is in most trouble. In order to appease its rural supporters, and the Roman Catholic Church, Fianna Fail included in the retion is designed to ensure that no pregnancy shall be terminated, within the Irish jurisdiction, except where there is a direct threat to the life of the pregnant woman. Threats to the health (as distinct from the life) of the mother, including the risk of suicide, are explicitly ruled out. In Greater Dublin a great majority of women (and quite a few

men as well) are going to vote

against that proposition. And most of those voters are going to

vote, in the simultaneous elec-

tion, against the party which

devised that cruel and insulting

proposition: Fianna Fail.

Nor do Fianna Fail's abortion troubles stop there. It has lost the "pro-choice" vote, which is majoritarian in Dublin, and of growing significance in other areas. But the "pro-life" people are also displeased with the party. Two of the referendum propositions - "freedom to travel" and "freedom of information" (both abortion related) - are inherently uncongenial to them. But even the third proponot go far enough to satisfy the unconditional anti-abortion "pro-life" people. They want a total and unconditional ban on

Last week, Dr Kevin Connell, the Archbishop of Dublin, urged a vote against all three referendum propositions; no to "freedom of travel", no to "freedom of information, and no to the "anti-abortion" proposition. because it does not go far enough in the right direction.

paradoxically, the arch-bishop's intervention, especially if supported by pecially if supported by other bishops, may have the effect of rescuing "pro-choice" people from the proposition they detest. It could yet be defeated by a combination of votes against, coming from "pro-life" people, mainly in the rural areas, and from "pro-choice" people mainly in Greater Dublin. Certainly no such triumph as the "pro-life" people triumph as the "pro-life" people won in 1983 — with a two to one majority — is available to them in their present disarray. Committed "pro-life" people will not vote in the elections except for candidates who give

commitments, much stronger than the third proposition. This is awkward for Fianna Fail. In Greater Dublin and in other areas (including some parts of Cork city) a candidate could not give such a fanatical assurance without being deserted by a far larger number of voters than would be attracted.

anything stronger than the third proposition would probably put off more voters than it attracted. So committed "prolife" people are likely to desert most Fianna Fail candidates. They will vote for such acquies-cent independent candidates as they can find; where none is available they will stay away. So the abortion issue is hurting Fianna Fail both from the

Even in the rural areas,

"pro-choice" side and from the "pro-life" side. There is poetic justice in this, because it was Fianna Fail that did most to bring the abortion issue into Irish politics, by throwing its weight behind the referendum on the Eighth Amendment

ers such as the "pro-life" and "pro-choice" people are minor-ities. But in Ireland, where many people feel deeply, and conflictingly, about abortion these are sizeable minorities and Fianna Fail cannot afford to have both against it simultaneously, which is what is now

happening. As ! said, hardly anyone is talking about abortion as an issue in the elections. The debate about the elections, and the debate about the referendum are proceeding quite separately, with that on the elections attracting far more media attention. But on November 25, Irish voters will be handed two sets of voting papers: one for the elections, and one for the referenda. Nothing can prevent feelings about the latter from affecting choices on the

Not only will the abortion issue damage Flanna Fail in these elections but it will damage it increasingly in the future, as the "pro-choice" proportion of the vote increases includably and the "pro-life" people be-come proportionately more re-sentful and hysterical. The rise in the "pro-choice" vote, and the decline of Fianna Fail are related indices of a maturing process in Irish

China takes stock of capital

The Chinese

thirst for freedom will

soon prove irresistible, says **Bernard Levin**

here have been rum-blings from China about the adoption of capitalism, not that they would call it by so wicked a name. But who could have imagined that things have already gone so far that China has acquired a Stock Exchange, or indeed any Stocks to Exchange?

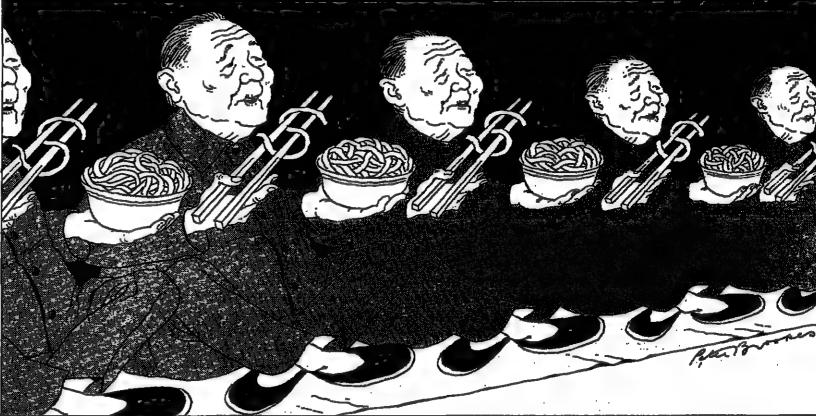
Mind you, Stock Exchanges in China are not likely to be stumbled upon round any corner: when last counted, the country sported exactly two of these evil devices. Still, evil devices or no, if China is ever to drag herself into the 15th century, let alone the 16th, a Stock Exchange she must have, and one of the two she has is in Shenzhen.

Shenzhen is the capital of one of China's Special Economic Zones; roughly speaking, these areas deal with real money, real banks, real building, real profits — in a word, reality, as opposed to the quite imaginary system under which the rest of the country

Well, the Shenzhen authorities decided to put on sale a new issue of shares. What happened next was described most delightfully in The Speciator, by Robert Cottrell, who was

The system of selling and buying was very roughly the same as it is in the developed countries, at least in outline, Applications for shares were made on forms; the putative investor bought one of these (five million were on sale). which gave him a place in a ballot — at odds of ten to one from which he might get a share warrant for the forthcoming

Then the fun started. Kick-off was to be Sunday. On the previous Friday, a colossal army of would-be investors began to



form, swelling by thousands every hour, with people from other towns travelling many miles to join the queues. No fewer than half a million people were ready to storm the issuing office at the moment the whistle biew. Long before that, though, chaos arrived. Gangsters (yes, I know there aren't supposed to be such people in pure, dedicated communist China) moved in. seizing control of the queues and selling good places at monstrous prices; the police, almost overwhelmed, laid about them with clubs and electric cattle-prods, and eventually water-cannon and armour.

Meanwhile — this is all getting more capitalist by the minute - the police took over the queue-place racket for them-selves, while the officials of the Stock Exchange and of the participating banks rolled up their sleeves and worked far into the night to steal some fourfifths of the application forms for their own use. When day dawned and the diddled hundreds of thousands learnt that there were no forms to buy or even steal, a riot ensued; by extraordinary good luck, the police killed only one rioter,

confining themselves mainly to the breaking of heads.

So much for the events:

hilarious as they were, it is the reflections they provoke that interest me. The business of stocks and shares is, in China, only two years old; the two Stock Exchanges were set up after the Tiananmen massacre, as one of the pitiful attempts to show that China was a normal nation, rather than a billion helots ruled by gangs of bandits. You would think, surely, that practically nobody in the country would know what stocks and shares were, much less how to make money from them. Well, half a million fought, literally, to get one of the application forms for a ten-to-one chance in a ballot which might lead to a greatly scaled-down allocation of shares; it would seem that word

had got around. It is not only Moliere who tells us that the servant is often deverer than his master; that mighty truth runs right through every unfree country. Nobody in the Soviet Union said aloud that it was very difficult to distinguish between Brezhnev and a halfwit, but everybody thought it, and the bravest ones took to

circulating merciless underground lampoons such as: Dear Compade Brezhnev

The radio says good cheap food is available everywhere, but there is nothing to eat in my refrigerator, so what should I Put your radio in the refrigerator."

But that is only a part of the story, and the rest of it is even more heartening. Not only are the ruled deverer than their rulers; they know they are poor, but they also know that the system under which they live keeps them poor, and they snatch every opportunity, even the tiniest, to wrest from the mad, stifling ideology a real crumb of real betterment.

to revive) will give them at least a chance of real prosperity one

The only difference between

ook at the desperate condition of the former Soviet Empire when the walls came down: seventy years of communism had reduced great nations to beggary, and with one accord, when their chains were broken. they demanded the most complete capitalist system, knowing that nothing else (and perhaps not even that, for some of those economies may be too far gone the freed Eastern nations and China is that China has not yet been freed. A considerable difference, I allow. But the marvellous riot at the Shenzhen Stock Exchange makes clear that when the prison walls of China fall there will instantly be an explosion of latent strength. ability, leadership and good oldfashioned acquisitiveness.

Once again, I repeat the famous statistic in all the Soviet Union's agriculture, the authorities allowed only three per cent for private farming, but that three per cent produced forty per cent of the country's total produce. One day that statistic will be seen to have its own equivalent in China. "Let China sleep", said Napoleon. When she wakes, the world will be sorry." But Napoleon has been overtaken, for when China is allowed to wake the world will

be amazed and heartened. When will our sniffier moralists learn that one of mankind's deepest desires is acquisition, and learn also that acquisition is nothing to be ashamed of? A

home, and things in it, a patch of land, a place to put our feet down — this is what mankind. in a thousand different ways, wants, and should have. And the billion people of China are no different in that respect from the people of England.

Sooner or later, they will have dominion over their lives, and goods to go with it. Good luck to them, say I, and may the day come soon. There is huge comedy in the Shenzhen Stock Exchange story, and I have laughed as much as anyone. But there is a serious side. and that serious side is more important than the absurdities.

The riotous scenes in the scramble for a chance of a slice of a possibility of a little bit of money to spend or save have a meaning, and it is a dire one for the rulers of China. Because it means - as anyone not a ruler of China well knows - that although the Chinese people must say in public that posses-sions are simul, when the doors are closed and the curtains drawn they count their few coins and calculate how many shares they can put in for, and how long they will have to wait in the

But the prospect of being swamped

by immature French cider does not

appear to worry British apple farm-

ers. James Lane, whose Gospel Green cider has been acclaimed as

Most likely to succeed?

SIR DAVID STEEL, who famously never got on with his fellow Alliance leader, believes that he and David Owen have at least one thing in common. Steel is convinced that he is suffering from what in the trade has become known as "Owen-itis".

Like his former colleague, Steel fears he has become perceived as a man in need of a job. No sooner does some worthy post become vacant — particularly north of the border — than Steel finds himself tipped to take over.

Öne might have thought that in the current recession when good jobs are thin on the ground, a chap who once told his party to "prepare for government" only to find himself consigned to backbench obscurity would be flattered to be linked with a series of influential and lucrative jobs.

Not a bit of it. Steel is furious that he is now one of the first names to occur to the headhunters, and in particular that Scotland is awash with rumours that the former Liberal leader is about to give up politics to become principal of

Edinburgh University. sensible one. Sir David Smith, the current principal, has already announced his intention to stand down. Steel is one of the university's most distinguished graduates and served as rector from 1982 to

Steel comments: "A few days ago I happened to bump into a friend who is a member of the University Court. 'I bet'. I said to him, 'that I will find my name being tipped for this post." Within hours, Scottish academia was talking of little else. "I intend to stay happily as MP for Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale." insists Steel. Yet the rumours persist - and there are those who believe that the gentleman doth protest too much. Ambition, as Edmund Burke once noted, can creep as well as soar.

● Fear and loathing at Bush House. BBC World Service executives - anxious about who will succeed John Tusa as their boss vesterday received their first visit from John Birt. Since he was appointed successor-in-waiting to Michael Checkland 18 months ago, the World Service has been a dinburgh University.

The suggestion is an eminently barred from the building by Tusa, who also had designs on the job.



But with Tusa's own tenure about to end. Birt yesterday decided it was time to breeze through the building. Tusa, to his credit, was a gracious host. As for Birt, he was as sinister as an old-fashioned Soviet leader, according to one senior Bush House man. "He smiled at everyone and said nothing."

Closed book

SO paranoid is Alan Clark over the police investigations into Matrix Churchill that the former trade and defence minister, never a shrinking violet, is proving reluctant even to promote his political diaries, publication rights to which have just been sold for £150,000.

The diaries will cover the period 1983 to 1991, and include the contentious period covering the alleged breach of guidelines on the

sale of arms to Iraq. Yesterday the former minister was cagey about his progress on the work. "There is quite a lot I would like to say, but I have decided not to speak to the press on any subject," said Clark. "I am following the precept recommended to Professor Laski."

Weidenfeld & Nicolson, which paid such a large sum in the hope of troublemaking indiscretions, will not be pleased by Clark's newfound reserve. For those who do not recall it, Attlee's advice to Laski was that a period of silence would not be unwelcome.

Trouble in store

ONLY months after Ivana Trump waltzed into Harrods and cut the ribbon to open the new Waterstone's bookshop in the store, the two retailers have agreed to part

At the opening, compliments flowed as freely as the champagne. Tim Waterstone praised Harrods, and on behalf of the store Michael Cole sang the praises of Waterstone's, while Ivana Trump declared everybody was "abzolootly

So how did a marriage made at the cash registers turn sour? W.H. Smith, Waterstone's owner, will say only that it has given Harrods no-

tice of intention to quit by March.







THE chattering classes have recently been less concerned with Tom Stoppard's work than with his love life he has been linked with Felicity Kendal (centre). Now the pair are to link up in his new play, Arcadia, at the National Theatre next year under the direction of Trevor Nunn (right). Kendal will be the female lead in what will be Nunn's first experience of directing at the NT and Stoppard's first play since 1986.

Cole says: "There's no blood on the lovely red Harrods carpet. We'll have a good Christmas whatever." But rumours persist in the trade of constant disputes over marketing, advertising, window displays and delivery of books. It is also said that the venture is losing money. The recession, it seems, has reached even ing "Le cidre nouveau est arrivé". Knightsbridge.

Golden, not delicious

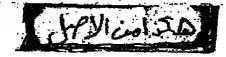
As Britain's restaurants brace themselves today for the invasion of Beaujolais Nouveau, a new French tipple is also on the way across the Channel - new cider. Already the roads of Normandy are plastered with billboards read-

cider of the year by the British trade, says: "Young cider is undrinkable unless you add an ap-palling amount of chemicals to the product. I am quite satisfied they will not be able to compete with good old British cider." Lane and his local Euro-MP, Thomas Spencer, are now attempt-

ing to pour gallons of scrumpy down the throat of Jacques Delors to prove their point. "We have sent him a copious amount. We feel sure that when he tries it he will appreciate our cider is a cut above anything his countrymen have to offer."

> It ruins the flavour of the meths







THE GREAT SCHOOL REPORT

John Patten's revolution must be made permanent

From today parents, taxpayers, teachers and all is preferable to a limited selection of key pupils will have information that was previously available only to bureaucrats. The publication of examination rankings for 4,600 secondary schools is a milestone in education policy. All those who care about schooling will now be able to choose more confidently. Without information there can be no marketplace; and without at least some elements of a marketplace there can be no efficient allocation of resources.

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The newly published tables of the English GCSE and A-level results are not perfect. They pose questions as well as answering them. But they hold the first seeds of a revolution. The only way forward now is more information, more sophisticated information and that information's better use. There must be no turning back.

Like all new exercises of this kind, including The Times universities guide, the new rankings have been scorned by those whose performance they seek to measure. Teaching unions and local authority officials queued up yesterday to point out that league tables based on raw examination grades paint only a partial picture of educational success and failure, neglecting the extracurricular and pastoral achievements of schools and the differing social circumstances in which they operate.

While the tables do not reflect the achievement of the pupil who becomes a brilliant cellist, or who conquers a deprived background through industry in the classroom, it is idle to deny the central role that examination results play in parents' decision-making. The government's campaign to raise standards means that pupils will soon be graded in national curriculum tests and public examinations at 7, 11, 14, 16 and, if they stay on, 18. Not to publish these results in digestible form would be a travesty of the curriculum reform's spirit and letter.

The absurd claim that no information at

indicators is the cry of a producer group which senses that power is being handed to the consumer. After a period in which many Conservative supporters have despaired of why they should support their government. this educational reform is a real reason.

Still, the torrent of information released yesterday must be approached with care. Each local table will be an indispensable guide to parents weighing up the merits of schools in a given area. The rankings are less useful as a basis for generalities. It is not very revealing that grammar schools remain preeminent and that Richmond and Harrow are more fertile areas for youthful scholarship than Tower Hamlets. The tables are an ordnance survey map of English schools rather than a report on the educational state

of the nation, and must be treated as such. Mr Patten has already promised to add truancy rates and the destination of schoolleavers to the list. The omission of training qualifications from this year's tables did little to support his claim that he hopes to break down the great divide between academic and vocational subjects, and should not be repeated. Future rankings should also record the results of all candidates who sit examinations regardless of age. This year's pilot run was limited to the GCSEs of 15year-olds and the A levels taken by 18-yearolds, seriously disadvantaging schools which enter their pupils earlier or later.

In addition, the education department should consider some form of "value-added" measurement alongside the raw results to reflect the contribution of each school to its pupils' progress and perhaps take account of social deprivation. A tricky list of tasks, no doubt, but a worthy one for a government committed to opening up the closed shop of education. Having launched his longawaited "information revolution", Mr Patten must ensure that it is permanent.

POPULISM IN PAKISTAN

Bhutto deserves no support in her undemocratic bid for power

With her arrest last night and subsequent deportation from Islamabad to Karachi, Benazir Bhutto bids fair to regain her martyr's crown. She earned it during her imprisonment and exile between 1977 and 1986, and largely forfeited it through the corruption and incompetence which disfigured her 1986-88 government. This time, she deliberately courted arrest; and the result could be perilous for Pakistan.

As part of a strategy of sweeping back to power on a tide of popular unrest, she has been barnstorming around Pakistan holding mass rallies, drumming up support for a "long march" to the national parliament to bring down the elected government of Nawaz Sharif. Miss Bhutto has always described President Ghulam Ishaq Khan's. use of his wide constitutional powers to dismiss her government in August 1988 as a constitutional coup. But two months later, she was decisively defeated in general elections. By setting out, with yesterday's march, to use mass protest to compel the formation of a "national consensus government" pending fresh general elections, she has shown in turn that she ranks the pursuit of power higher than the ballot box.

She and her supporters in the People's Democratic Alliance have deliberately set out to exploit the misery of millions uprooted by a national catastrophe, last September's devastating floods in Punjab, to foment a populist revolt. No Pakistani government would have reacted passively to this planned trial of strength. Memories are sharp of the prolonged street frenzy which, in 1977. prompted the army to topple her father, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto - himself an astute

exponent of populist demagoguery. Miss Bhutto went ahead after the march had been banned and the capital sealed off. But the ban was, on balance, ill-advised; and by their brutal treatment of those who defied it, Pakistan's police and security forces have handed Miss Bhutto a propaganda victory. An estimated 15,000 of her supporters across the country have been arrested.

The future of Mr Sharif's government, one of the few genuinely democratic in Pakistan's history, must now be in grave doubt. This is not good news for Pakistanis. Some of the same accusations — of authoritarianism, inefficiency and institutionalised corruption - that were levelled against Miss Bhutto in 1988 are again current. The opposition press is again being harassed and the army, beliwether of Pakistan's always fragile political health, is critical of the government's continued use of it in Sindh.

But for all his government's faults, Mr Sharif remains a reformer and moderniser of the kind Pakistan has long needed. He has deregulated the economy and dismantled the system of government permits for investment and exports which fed Pakistan's endemic corruption. He has tried, admittedly with decreasing courage, to distance himself from Islamic fundamentalists. The army still consumes an unconscionable third of the country's budget, but within this constraint he has launched a

programme to improve literacy and the

shameful living conditions of the poor. The decision to ban her from the capital for 30 days provides a breathing space, which the government needs to use well to restore its battered image. Senior police officers should be disciplined. The army, which has ruled Pakistan for half its history. should stay in barracks. But fresh elections would not be a solution for Pakistan.

THE POWER OF SPEECH

Note to MPs: the country loves a good debate

As the paving debate on the Maastricht treaty showed convincingly this month, the standard of argument in the House of Commons has declined dismally over the past 30 years. Not only was there no great speech, but with the whips in control and theopponents of Maastricht unwilling to speak,

there was no serious debate at all. By contrast, the sixth debate organised by The Times and Dillons last night, at which Lord Lawson and Tom Peters argued about Europe before a paying audience of more than 600, was a cheering occasion. It demonstrated that even in an era of mediocrity in the Commons and crass swapping of angry party platitudes on radio and television. there is still a hunger beyond Westminster

for serious rhetoric on serious issues. Audiences of up to 1,000 were attracted to the five previous debates. They heard Francis Fukuyama postulate the end of history and the Nobel prizewinner Gerald Edelman debate abstruse theories of the brain with Oliver Sacks. All the speakers were bornbarded with searching questions. The audience for good debate clearly exists, if politicians could only raise their oratorical game.

Every generation, of course, believes that standards of oratory and debate are declining. Even in 1914 the great Lloyd George. who often attracted audiences of 20,000 on the stump, believed that oratory had given way to "talk". Yet the recent examples of Michael Heseltine, Baroness Thatcher or Lord Howe (whose resignation speech was a true destroyer) or, on the left, Neil Kinnock and Tony Benn, show that the great platform or Commons speech is not extinct. It is debate that has been neglected since the Sixties, when the Queen's English was regarded as naff and the idea of debating societies seemed old-fashioned and pompous to students on the barricades. The decline of churchgoing made the poetry of the Bible and Cranmer's prayer book into mysteries. The opponents of "elitism" who mocked Shakespeare and the prophets of "relevance" who sneered at the classics destroyed the age-old sources of inspiration of the apprentice orator or debater.

Schools and universities, however, are now noticing the same revival. In January, more than 500 students will attend the World Universities Debating Championship in Oxford. The number of school debating societies is growing. This new interest is a belated acknowledgement of the growing power of speech in everyday life. -

Who now, for instance, writes letters when he can use the telephone? A command of speech brings self-confidence and thus selfempowerment. Citizens will benefit from the citizen's charter only if they can put their case to British Gas coherently and powerfully. Against the example set by so much of the British press, debating teaches that there are two sides to most arguments. It teaches people to think on their feet. It teaches respect for the opposing point of view. This house believes that debate should flourish.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Case for navy keeping Portland base Average families and basic incomes

From Rear Admiral J. P. W.

Sir, Mr Malcolm Rifkind's intention to close Portland naval base (report, November 13) is understandable, but wrong. Portland is a world-class centre of excellence in sea training. that immensely difficult art of turning sailors and their ships into a single sophisticated fighting machine. It is greatly admired and used by our continental allies.

Its removal to Plymouth would distance this facility from its sea exercise areas, its adjacent aviation support and from immediate access to the open sea because of the projected site up-river, and is unlikely to improve the quality of the product.

To get out of Portland (in exchange for pretty paltry savings) is to threaten the quality of our military capability, to reduce our influence in European maritime affairs, to deny ourselves the only satisfactory mounting base for amphibious operations on the Channel coast, to deprive the Special Boat Service of a secure centre for their training, and to abandon a sheltered harbour which is a national strategic asset fairly massive effects from a decision which is peripheral to the main thrust of naval-base rationalisa-

There are actually few choices in the development of a logical model for future basing of the fleet. It is clear that the fleet will continue to shrink in size and that the current arrangements must be reduced to suit if the front line is not to be emasculated. This argues for three naval bases, one each for major surface ships (frigates and larger), submarines and minor war vessels, at Portsmouth, Faslane, on the Clyde, and Rosyth.

Portsmouth will no longer carry out ship refits, but will provide shorterterm maintenance for the ships based there. A decision has yet to be made about the dockyards at Devonport and Rosyth, still owned by the Ministry of Defence but operated by civilian companies.

However, the dockyard decision is quite separate from the basing strategy. In that arena Devonport (dear old Guzz to generations of sailors) no longer fits into the basing plan and must be surrendered. Disentangling the dockyard from the naval base will not be easy, but has already been accomplished in financial terms by

the creation of the civilian operating

company. Moving the sea-training facility to Devonport is a thoroughly perverse proposal. Not only does it diminish the valuable features of Portland, but to establish a new facility in a port which will shortly be reduced sounds dangerously close to sawing off the

branch on which one is sitting. Portland offers a centre of excellence which can benefit the whole of the European maritime community. To retain it will do a service to the navy, the country and the Continent.

PATRICK MIDDLETON (Chief Staff Officer (Support) to Commander-in-Chief, Fleet, 1991-21 Greenhill House, Sutton Veny, Warminster, Wiltshire. November 18.

Yours faithfully,

From Captain J. F. S. Trinder

Sir. I write as a former Commander Sea Training of the naval base at Portland who has visited similar facilities in other countries, including the United States.

This base, with its associated helicopter air station, provides the finest basic sea training for warships and their crews in the world. The move of this training facility to Plymouth would not only be costly but the training effectiveness and intensity for ships working up would diminish considerably for various geographic reasons which could not be avoided.

Is it right that the taxpayer, who has just spent millions of pounds providing modern new accommodation based on Portland's long-term future. should now pay to establish something similar elsewhere, in order to produce lesser efficiency in units of the

There is a strategic angle too: how many naval eggs should be in one basket (Plymouth)? With Portsmouth reduced in capacity. Portland gone and Rosyth in serious threat of closure our surface fleet would be largely dependent on one major relitting

In terms of cost, training efficiency, strategic vulnerability and local community economy, closure is the wrong

Yours faithfully, JOHN TRINDER, Churton Place, SW1.

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From General Sir John Akehurst

Sir, The overstretching of army

manpower, rightly deplored by Lord

Bramall, is particularly evident in the

infantry. This was frequently forecast

during the Options for Change ex-

ercise by many who were party to the

Sadly, however, attention to the

shortage of infantry battalions was

distracted by campaigns for individ-

ual regiments with cases that are only

fully understood by those who have

worn a cap badge. To most of those

who have not served these demonstra-

tions were regarded as belonging to

another age.

A particularly important effect of

overstretch is the fact that units serving on United Nations and in-

ternal security tours are spending

time away from training for their primary duty, which is to fight. When

the unexpected happens and there is

fighting to be done, units which have

spent months preparing for, serving

on, and recovering from so-called

"emergency" tours will be faced with

situations for which they cannot have

The government is expecting too

much of its soldiers, and at the same

time potentially putting their lives and

effectiveness at risk. Equally at risk is

the continued flow of volunteers

which is vital to our regular and

been properly prepared.

reserve forces.

JOHN AKEHURST.

Strain in depleted army From Mr M. B. H. Ashmore

Sir, Forecasting intervals between operational tours for infantry battalions is a mathematical problem. As Lord Bramall points out (letter, November 14) we now have a figure of 15 months. By 1995, with the arm reduced to 38 battalions, the figure is planned to rise to 24 months.

Plainly this can only be achieved by significantly reducing commitments. such as withdrawal of two battalions from Northern Ireland, ending deployment in Bosnia with no other UN tasks arising, and further employment of non-infantry units on infantry tasks. To assume that these reductions will happen is dangerous. In the preamble to a signal sent

recently to all army units, the defence secretary has confirmed his commitment to the rundown of the army to 104,000 trained personnel. However he has also said, on previous occasions, that he is prepared to review the situation should the need arise. Surely that time has now come.

What is at stake here is the efficiency and morale of the army and its ability to carry out its tasks, in support of our foreign policy, into the next century. This is of far greater importance than the quest for marginal savings in the short term at the behest of the Tressury.

Yours faithfully, M. B. H. ASHMORE. Cocklaw, Elsrickle, Biggar, Lanarkshire.

Psychotherapy case

From Mr C. Schwartz

Sir, Anna Selby's article, "Cruelty, couched in kindness" (Saturday Review, November 7), was written without seeking out view. We wish now to point out that the therapy in question took place before the therapist was a trainee of this group and we had no knowledge of the incidents referred to when we accepted him for training.

When we later became aware of the incidents we decided, in March 1992, that the therapist should not proceed further in his training before Septem-ber 1993 and after further investigation by his review committee. It was for reasons of confidentiality that we felt it inappropriate to reveal these facts to anyone outside our group.

Yours sincerely. C. SCHWARTZ (Convener). Independent Group of Analytical Psychologists. PO Box 1175, London W3 6DS. November 11.

From the President of the British Psychological Society

Sir, Contrary to Anna Selby's assertion, psychologists (as opposed to psychiatrists) do not come under the aegis of the General Medical Council. Psychology is an independent profession, with independent training and qualifications.

The projection of the same against the project of t

The British Psychological Society

has a disciplinary procedure which includes a formal complaints and investigation system, although of

course this relates only to our own

The Chapel.

Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, SW3.

members.
It publishes an annual Register of Chartered Psychologists, many of whom will be fully trained therapists.

Yours faithfully, ED MILLER, President. The British Psychological Society. St Andrews House.

48 Princess Road East, Leicester.

From Mr R. K. Brian

November 12.

Sir. Whether a statutory register of

psychotherapists would help the public, as presumed by Anna Selby, or whether it would merely provide a cruel illusion of protection of the public, as is already the case in certain regulated professions, is debatable.

For several decades, the voluntary Psychotherapy Register has admitted only trained psychotherapists and has required that they maintain adequate standards of competence and ethics. Yours faithfully,

R. K. BRIAN (Principal), The Psychotherapy Centre, 1 Wythburn Place W1. November 11.

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From Mrs Anna Lines

Sir. A family of two children and two adults, one of whom goes out to work, requires an income of £21,000 a year to maintain a "basic" standard of iving, according to a report by the Family Budget Unit at York University for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (details, November 11). The report also points out that such a family with two older children needs to spend 57 per cent more than a childless couple to maintain the same standard of living.

Child-rearing clearly imposes costs that are not borne by those without this responsibility, yet the only difference in fiscal treatment between a married man with a dependent wife and children and his childless, single colleague is that the first is able to claim the married couple's allowance which appears to be withering on the vine). Child benefit covers less than a fifth of the cost of raising children.

In its green paper. The Reform of Personal Taxation, published in 1986, the government argued that transferable personal allowances between spouses would boost incomes of families with only one earner and would help, in particular, the lower

Yer, inexplicably, it failed to implement this reform when introduc-ing independent taxation of husband and wife. Allowing the non-earning spouse to transfer her/his personal allowance to the earning partner would increase the net income of the

family paying tax at the basic rate by \$16.50 a week, almost equivalent to a

doubling of the child benefit payable

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to a two-child family. Although it is difficult to argue in favour of increasing anyone's income at a time of recession, we should not lose sight of the fact that the key to future success lies in the way in which we look after our young.

Yours faithfully, **ANNA LINES** (Committee member), Full Time Mothers, PO Box 186, London SW3 5RF. November 12.

From Mr William Deller

Sir. A family of two children and two adults requires an income of £21,000 a year to support a basic standard of living, compared to the average income of about £15,000. It is interesting to relate these figures to my estimate of the same family's requirement to pay for government expenditure - about \$16,000 (assuming total expenditure of £244 billion and a population of 60 million).

Is anyone carrying out research into the implications of these figures - that a family of four, with an average income of £15.000, actually needs £21,000, and also needs to earn £16,000 to pay for government expenditure before all else?

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM DELLER, 42 Surley Row, Caversham, Reading, Berkshire.

Child support

From Mr Bruce Lidington

Sir, The Families Need Fathers association shares many of Gingerbread's concerns on the Child Support Act 1991 as expressed by Ms Mary Honeyball (letter, November 5). But her letter only glanced upon a fundamental injustice within this Act.

As the Act progressed through both Houses of Parliament it was proclaimed in the media as "making errant fathers pay". Under its present formulae, however, a father with a proven history of violence who abandons his children will have his maintenance dues met in full by the

By contrast, a committed father who seeks to preserve a decent relationship with his children despite divorce or separation will be required to pay twice over once in direct payment to the state and again in the costs of maintaining constructive contact with his children.

If the father has the misfortune to be unemployed he will also be pushed below the poverty line as a proportionate maintenance deduction will be made from his already subsistence level of income support.

Yours faithfully, **BRUCE LIDINGTON** (Vice-Chairman). Families Need Fathers. BM Families. London WC1N 3XX

From Mr Martin Symonds

Sir. The provisions of section 27 of the Child Support Act 1991 enable the child support officer, when considering whether to make a maintenance assessment, to apply to the court for a declaration as to whether or not the alleged parent is one of the child's parents if that is denied by the

putative father. I think it would be most unlikely. having regard to the costs involved, that the child support unit would as part of that application request DNA

tests, as Ms Honeyball suggests. She also claims that the Act "will not help the 75 per cent of lone parents who live on income support. as any maintenance collected will be deducted from their benefit".

Maintenance collected using the provisions of the Act will not be deducted from their benefit. Indeed, provisions are being prepared to change the regulations to ensure that those people in receipt of maintenance will be able to keep a proportion without it affecting their benefit.

The Act does not change the existing powers of the court to make an order in favour of the Department of Social Security under the Social Administration Act 1992. Any orders made thereunder are not deducted from the income support being provided to the claimant

I am opposed to the Child Support Act because I fail to follow the logic of supposing that it will be cheaper to transfer the cost of collecting maintenance from the courts to the Child Support Agency, which is simply another arm of the Civil Service.

Yours faithfully, MARTIN SYMONDS, Gard & Co. (solicitors), Breton Chambers. 4 Bretonside, Plymouth, Devon.

London hospital beds

From Dr D. J. M. Wright

Sir, I hope that the government will pause for considerable thought before deciding whether, and if so how to implement the recommendations in the Tomlinson report (details, October 24) to close or merge the teaching hospitals and postgraduate institutions targeted.

Tomlinson concludes that in 1990-91 1,845 beds were provided by the special health authority hospitals in inner London and 9,457 by the "nonspecial" authority hospitals, totalling 11,302 beds.

Tomlinson's figure for the population of inner London is 2.5 million, a ratio of 45.2 beds per 10,000 population. If one allows for about 1.3 million commuters (Tomlinson's figure) who come into inner London each weekday, but not for the eight million annual visitors to the capital, the ratio can be computed at something like 29.7 beds for every 10,000

The position in Europe and the United States in 1987 shows how under-provided in terms of hospital beds the UK was. Does this mean that the provision in London has deteriorated since then?

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Yours faithfully, DAVID WRIGHT. 17 Rowdon Avenue, NW10.

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French farming

From Mrs J. W. H. Percival

Sir. Did France sabotage the Gatt talks to defend "a highly efficient and adaptable farm sector" (your Paris correspondent, November 11) or their inefficient farm industry" (Simon Jenkins, fulminating in the same

Since the French farmer is a dying breed, time will probably solve the problem faster than any amount of talks. The most recent statistics I could quickly call upon showed that nearly half of French farmers are over 55. more than two thirds of the over-50s did not have a successor in view - and they exploited a quarter of France's agricultural land.

West German farmers, co-creators of the common agricultural policy, are much younger on average. Only a third are over 55, and so likely to be around longer.

Economists point out that some \$200 billion wait upon Gatt success to be released into world trade and so fight world recession. Economists persuaded French farmers to produce wheat, maize, oil-seed rape and foie gras, now profitable only for the very few. Perhaps one should just take a number of farmers out of trade altogether, and make them salaried gardeners and tourist guides paid directly by Brussels.

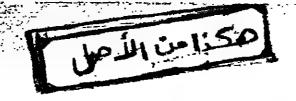
Yours faithfully, DOINA PERCIVAL La Chaise, 24350 Tocane St Apre. France.

Battle stations

From Dr R. S. W. Hawtrey

Sir. Waterloo station should certainly not be renamed when it becomes a continental terminal (Lynne Truss, November 17). King's Cross, however, which will also in due course be connected with the tunnel, is another matter: its name might offend French republican sentiments. What about calling it "Agincourt"?

Yours faithfully. RALPH HAWTREY. 42 Leicester Villas. Sports letters, page 43 Hove, East Sussex.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 18: The Queen Patron, the Royal Over-Seas League, this evening anended the Fortieth evening attended the Fortieth Anniversary Concert of Music and Musicians of the Commonwealth at Lancaster House, London SW I. Her Majesty was received by the President. Royal Over-Seas League the Lord Grey of Naumon), the Chairman (Mr Peter McEntrel and the Chairman, Commonwealth foundation (Sir Richard Luce). The Lady Susan Hussey, Sir Kerneth Scott and Major James Patrick were in amendance.

The Prince Edward, Chairman this evening held a meeting of The Ouke of Edinburgh's Award Spe-cial Projects Group at Bucking-ham Palace

KENSINGTON PALACE November 18: The Prince of Wales this morning visited the European Parliament and the Council of Europe at Strashourg. His Royal Highness this afternoon left Strasbourg and arrived

The Princess of Wales, Honor-The Princess of Wales, Honorary Air Commodore, this morning visited Royal Air Force Wittering, Cambridgeshire. Captain Edward Musto RM was in amendance.

The Duchess of Gioucester today visited Cambridgeshire and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cambridgeshire (Mr James Crowden).

Crowden).

Her Royal Highness opened the General Practitioners' new Surgery in Melbourn and later visited Meldreth Manor School (run by the Spastics Society) to mark the School's 75th Anniversary.

the Spastics Society to mark the School's 25th Anniversary.

Afterwards The Duchess of Gloucester opened the new Operating Theatre Complex at Papworth Hospital, Papworth Everand, and later opened the Peterborough YMCA Time Stop Project for homeless young people at 101. Wellington Street, Peterborough, Miss Suganne Marland was in amendance. YORK HOUSE

November 18: The Duke of Kent, Parron of Stroke, this morning visited the Stroke Research Unit at visited the Stroke Research Unit at Notingham City Hospital and inaugurated Nottingham University's new chair in Stroke Medicine. He was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Notinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan, Br).

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His Royal Highness later opened the Hospital's new Radiology Unit before proceeding to the Art Ceanre on the Campus of Nottingham University where His Royal Highness opened the Angear Visitor Centre.

The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman of the British Overseas Trade

man of the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon opened the NSK/RSP European Research Centre at Ruddington. Com-

The Duke of Kens, President of the Football Association, accompa-nied by The Duchess of Kent, this evening attended a football match between England and Turkey at Wembley Startium. Wembley. Middlesez.

Mrs Julian Tomkins and Cap-tain the Hon Tom Cole were in

November 18: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the 60th Annual Exhibition of the Armed Forces Art Society at the National Armed Manual Exhibition of the Armed Forces Art Society at the National Armed Manual Exhibition Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3.

6.30 given by the society. The Duke of Kent, as President of the Football Association, will amend the Torch Trophy Trust Awards at Simpson's (Piccadilly) at

The Duchess of Kent will open Glastonbury Court for the Elderly, Bury St Edmonds, at 11.10; open the West Suffolk Hospital's new kitchen and diving room at 11.45; and attend a luncheon for the Suffork Association of Youth at Thornham Magna at 12.40. Princes Alexandra will visit the Elizabeth Fizzkoy Homes at Whitegates, Liss, Hampshire, at

Lady Daving Windsor is 15 years

Miss Kathleen Halpin, former chief administrator, Regions, WRVS, 89; Baroness Jeger, 77; Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, KG, 72; the Earl of Lindsey, 37; Mr. David Hond, Lord, Lor Mr David Lloyd-Iones, conductor, 58: Mr Gerald Parsons-Smith, neurologist, 31; Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Porter, 80; Dr Robert C. Smith, vice-chancellor, Kingston University, 57; the Ven Michael Till, Archdescon of Canterbury. 57; Professor Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, former unddington. Comland dent. Royal College of Physicians.
Walker, RN, was in
68; Dame Ethel Wormald, former Lord Mayor of Liverpool, 91.

DEATHS

Group Captain Lord Cheshire, VC, OM

Memorial services

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A service of thanksgiving for the life of Major Arland Usther was held reserving in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks. The Rev J.A. Barrie officiated. Colonel N. Hales Pakenham-Mahon and Mr James Usther, son, read the lessons. Mr Jack Sherston gave an address.

Luncheon

Horwath Consulting Horwark Consulting
Mr Jonathan Bodiender, Chairman of Horwarh Consulting, was host at a luncheon held at 8 Baler Street. WI, on Wednesday, November 18, in honour of Mr Antonio Enriquez Savignac, Secretary General of the World Tourism Organisation. Among the other guests were:

Raine Coonness Spancer, Lord Hirshield, Sir Rugh Bidwell (Chairman, British invisibles and of the London Tourist Board, Mr Janez Sirse (Minister of Tourism, Republic of Slovenia) and Stephen Greene (Stoy Haywarn).

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Service dinners Royal Tank Registers Lieusenant General Sir Jeremy National Definace College (Cameda) UR Association Sir John Riffick was the speaker at the annual distance of the National Defence College (Cameda) UE Association held has night at the EAF Club, Air Vice-Markel LW.G. Gill was the distance president.

Blacker, KCB, CBE, Representative Colonel Commandant, presided at the annual officers' dinner of the Royal Tank Regiment held on Friday, November 13, at the Royal Armoured Curps Officers' Mess, Bovington, to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Bante of Cambrai. Those present included:

Receptions SPANA

The Right Hon Lord Nevall, President of SPANA, Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad, the Protection of Animals Abroad, hosted a reception at the fifth Regional Conference of SPANA in Regional Conference of SPANA in Animals. Jordan, attended by Princess Zein of Jordan, President of the Jordanian Society for the Protection of Animals: Dr Faiz Khassouna, Minister of Agriculture: Dr Sayed Ghalib Abu Orabi, Under-Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture, and Mr Sayed Usama al Bilbesi, Director of Foreign Relations.

Byron Society

The Byron Society held a reception last night at the Royal Institution after Dr Martyn Corbett had delivered a lecture to the society. Mr William St Clair was the chairman and Mr Michael Foot also spoke.

Church news

The ker Fahh Claringboll, Curate, Carist Church, life of Dogs: to be Sistant Chaplain at the Royal London, Hospital, Whitechapel (London).

The Rev Languard Collon, Curror, Shepton Maller to be also Chaplain of HM Prison, Shepton Maller (Bath and the Rev Language). The Rev Denys de in Hoyde, Vicar, Pool w Arthington, and Diocessus Director of Ordinands: to be also as Houseasty Canon of Ripon Cathedral (Ripon).

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The Rev Jeremy Rainhead, Carabelincharge, it Augustine, Grahame Parks
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The engagement is announced between Richard, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Piercy, of North Finchies, and Caroline, third daughter of Mr and Mrs Bran Mackinson, of Farniam,

eford, and Amanda, cidest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Walter Ward, of Chiswick, London.

and Miss J.A. Warnock The marriage took place on Saturday, November 14, in Washington between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs R. Unmo, of Scottsdale, Arizona, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Warnock, of Edwardss Square, ws, and Chevy Chase, Maryland.

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THATCHED HOUSE LODGE Rear Admiral Sir John Garnier

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investig The Queen will now an investment at Buckingham Palace at 11.00.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend a thanksgiving service in Westminster Abbey at 11.25 for Westminster Hospitals.

Dringer Manager as Debroa of Princess Margaret, as Patron of the Pottery and Glass Trades' Benevolent Institution, will attend a reception at Glaziers, Hall at

2.30 and at Donec, Grayshort, Surrey, at 3.35.

Birthdays today

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Land Griffiths, Tressurer of the

inner Temple, and the Masters of

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A service of thanksgiving for the life of Group Captain Lord Cheshite, of Woodhall, VC, OM, DSO, DFC, will be held in the Chapel at Stone School, Buckingham in the presence of Baroness Ryder of Warsaw on Monday, November 30, 1992, at 2,00pm. Applications please as: OS Office Strangpless the neural communities at annual to half last night, it being Grand Day of Michaelmas Term. Among please us: OS Office, Stowe, Buckingham, MK18 5EH. Tel: 0280 813164 or Fax 0280 those present were

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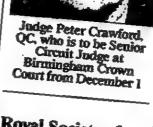
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mund Skone James was held
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Canon Joseph Robinson. Master
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Heyman. QC. Treasurer of the
Middle Temple, and Mr James
Sunnucks, Head of Chambers at 5
New Square, read the lessons and
Sir Douglas Falconer, QC. gave an
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SIR WILLIAM MANSFIELD COOPER

Mansfield Cooper, professor of industrial law at the University of Marchester, 1949-70, and vice-chancellor, 1956-70, died on November 14 aged 89. He was born at Newton Heath, Manchester, on February 20. 1903.

IT WAS William Mansfield Cooper's predecessor as vicechancellor at Manchester. Lord Stopford, who said that there were two kinds of vicechancellor: those who carry a big stick and those who carry an oil can. Mansfield Cooper was a man with an oil can. He served as vice-chancellor during a period of great change and turbulence in the higher education system. New government policies were introduced, numbers of staff and students rose to double prewar figures and administrative staffs had to be built up, records revised and solutions sought for completely novel situations, including the stu-dent unrest of the late 1960s.

Mansfield Cooper may have preferred an oil-can to a big stick but he was blunt in his condemnation of the student sit ins and the demands for "more relevant university courses" that were fashionable at the time. The demand for participation", whether from staff, students, industry, society or the state, he said in 1969, was more often connected to the secondary rather than the primary aspects of a university's function. It concerned government rather than scholarship, control rather than discovery.

A year later, making his farewell address to the governors before his retirement, he said universities had been invaded in increasing numbers by students who were not



greatly interested in study. He saw some of the elements of force, inhumanity and intolerance that had arisen in Nazi Germany. It was significant. he said, that the chief critics of courses were students with an ill-defined sense of motivation or with motives that could be as readily realised outside university. Confusing words with action and unable to penetrate the world of intellect in any depth, they hugged the concept of relevance. Yet who was to determine what was relevant? Was there a better determinant than the individual scholar himself? Appealing for relevance was an excuse for non-thinking. Those who preached the doctrine of relevance were far too often the tools of men who

would invade and overthrow

the objectivity of universities. Objectivity was a precarious and vulnerable thing depen-dent on the highest degree of integrity in the scholar.

In addition to coping with internal affairs at Manchester, Mansfield Cooper served as chairman of the committee of vice-chancellors and principals from 1961 to 1964. He was knighted in 1963. This period included the preparation and publication of the Robbins Report on Higher Education to which the committee of vice-chancellors and principals under his guidance submitted their evidence. Among the reforms he favoured was the closing of the gap between universities and

Mansfield Cooper left the local elementary school at 14 and worked for a time in an accountant's office. At the urging of Professor Eastwood, then professor of law in the University of Manchester. who had been impressed by him as a member of his Workers Educational Association class, he went to Ruskin College in 1931 and took the Oxford diploma in economics and political science. As a mature student he took a ence and Technology. degree in Law at Manchester Mansfield Cooper always

He was awarded a graduate research scholarship for 1936-37 and obtained his LLM in 1938 for a thesis on "The Legal Effects of the Gold Clause in International Law." He was called to the Bar by Gray's Inn in 1940. In 1938 he was the first

assistant lecturer to be appointed in the faculty of law at Manchester and was promoted lecturer in 1942 and senior lecturer in 1945. In that year he was appointed to succeed Dr Norman Smith as registrar, having acted as assistant to the vice-chancellor during the preceding year.
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Report made it possible for the university to appoint him to a chair of industrial law in 1949 and he continued as joint registrar until 1952. For a time, in two sessions, he was presenter of honorary graduands and, during the illness of the then vice-chancellor, Sir John Stopford, and his subsequent leave of absence. Mansfield Cooper undertook two spells of duty as acting vicechancellor in 1953 and 1954. His appointment as vice-chancellor met with the approbation of the whole university and of the academic world.

He undertook with particular pleasure the presidency of the Council of Europe Committee on Higher Education and Research in 1966-67,

while from 1964-69 he was vice-president of the Standing Conference of European Rectors and Vice-Chancellors, His reputation was recognised by. honorary degrees from Keele, Kharkov, Liverpool, Manchester, Manitoba and Rochester, NY, and in 1972 he was elected an honorary fellow the University of Manchester Institute of Sci-

found time to be a staunch supporter of the extra-mural department which he served as a lecturer during his earlier years. His personal touch and legal expertise were of immense help to the university in the building of the radio telescope at Jodrell Bank, the merger of the John Rylands Library with the university library and the acceptance of responsibility for the Whitworth Art Gallery. In all that he undertook, not excluding his service as a major in the Home Guard at the university, he showed patience and sympathy of an exemplary

He was approachable at all times perhaps, with hindsight, too approachable by some students who in his later years as vice-chancellor seemed, to his nearest colleagues, to abuse his humanity. His espe-cial knowledge of the common law was paralleled by his deep understanding of the common man.Cooper's Outlines of Industrial Law, first published in 1947, has long been regarded as the standard text in this subject.

In his retirement he served as deputy chairman of the committee of inquiry into London University and also continued to assist committees associated with Commonwealth awards.

He is survived by his wife

DICK WRAGG

Dick Wragg, former chairman of the Football Association's International Committee died on November 6 aged 82. He was born on May 23, 1910.

DICK Wragg was a typical football administrator of the old school. A blun: jovial Yorkshire businessman, he was a leading figure in the building trade and became president of the National Federation of Roofing Contractors and president of the National Federation of Building Contractors. Football was his consuming hóbby.

He was one of the old breed of successful men who regarded the local football dub as their domain, but devoted much time to the game's administration, nationally. A member of the Football Asso-ciation Council for nearly 30 years, he was chairman of the FA International Comminee for nearly 20, providing important support to the pilloried England manager, Bobby Robson, and stepping down at the same time as Robson after England reached the semi-finals of the 1990 World Cup.



Uefa club competitions committee, which constantly took him abroad - it was said that he knew the first name of every head waiter in Europe. Iceland was the only European

country that he did not visit. He was born into the game and, in particular, Sheffield United, in which his grandfather was a shareholder. A good amateur in his youth, playing for the leading amaicur dub Sheffield FC, he had ambitions to play professionally. After studying architecture, he was restricted to appearances for Sheffield United

reserves, followed by nonleague tootball, before a breken ankle halted his playing

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His father gave him an ultimatum to choose between football and the family building business. Wisely he chose business, which provided the money for a move into the boardroom at Bramall Lane in 1953, when United was still a cricket and football club. He became chairman of the football section in 1960 and, in 1968, chairman of the whole club, the position he held when the soccer section gave the cricket side notice to quit in 1971 in order to build a new stand on the football team's return to the first division.

Wragg described the decision as the hardest in his life The stand was built, United fell to the fourth division and finally Wragg resigned as chairman, becoming presi dent. He had been elected to the FA Council in 1964 and in 1971 he became a member of the Football League management committee, a position he held for five years before being elected vice-president and subsequently a life member. He was one of eight life vicepresidents of the FA.

APPRECIATION

Wragg was a member of the

Henri Temianka "MY DEARLY beloved

Yehudi,

I know that I promised that I would serve on the jury of the string quartet competition in London in the spring of 1994. This was a rash promise, but here I am, lying on my deathbed on November 7. 1992. Please accept my apologies for having broken my word. I don't do that easily.

My love to you, Yehudi. You have enriched my life enor-mously, both musically and as one of the most loving friends I have ever had.

With my best wishes to you and all your family.

Yours ever, Henri"

THIS deeply moving letter written a few hours before his death illustrates better than any tribute I can offer the quality of Henri Temianka (obituary, November 17), a great violinist, devoted teacher and a fine conductor, whose profound musicianship I was

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fortunate enough to share and enjoy for over sixty years. For me there will be an

inconsolable void in those many juries: Folkestone, the Carl Flesch Competition, the Parish Concours and the International String Quartet Competition whereto he brought his ready humour, his incomparably sharp ear, his incorruptible taste, all tempered by kindness and a humane judgment that made him the ideal juror.

Memories of six decades abound where we would meet regularly at my Californian house together with other genial musicians who, like Henri, had settled in that Lotus Land, to make the kind of chamber music that rinses the ear and cleans the heart and mind of the burdens and excesses of long concert tours. Refreshing our spirits, we would play into the small hours, a habit begun already a decade before at Diana's mother's home, Mulberry House in London when Henri Temianka first appeared on

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the horizon. Henri, himself a pupil of Carl Flesch, was indubitably amongst the leaders, the prime movers who helped create the high standards now obtained in Southem California in violin playing and chamber music, forming one of the foremost quartets, the Paganini String Quartet, in the United States. Although his lovely and

supportive wife Emma-May was San Franciscan-born and they raised their family in California, he nonetheless remained true to his native England and could count among his closest friends many distinguished actors. musicians and artists.

We join together in tribute to this wonderful colleague.

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and all our other colleagues, in spirit or absent.

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CALVIN GRAHAM

Calvin Graham, who may have become the voungest American ever to win an award for wartime gallantry when he was given the Bronze Star after the second world war battle of Guadaicanal at the age of 12 in 1942, died of heart failure in Fort Worth, Texas. on November 6 aged 62. He was born in Canton, Texas, in 1930.

THE United States Navy was not amused when it found out that its young hero had lied about his age in

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order to serve his country. Twelve months after his 1942 exploit, when, as a member of a gun's crew aboard the battleship USS South Dakota, he ignored serious shrapnel wounds to drag other crew members to safety. Graham found himself given a dishonourable discharge and stripped of his decorations.

The "baby vet," as he became known to headline writers at the time, was even denied disability benefits for the damage suffered to his mouth and jaw. For many years, Graham struggled in

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vain to persuade the navy to change its mind, to return his medals and give him a reimactive discharge. Ultimately his case was taken up in Congress by Texas; senators Lloyd Bentsen and John Tower, who pointed out the incongruity of denying his claim while granting honourable discharges to letnam war deserters.

Graham said in an interview that he was "damn sure" he deserved one more than a deserter did, and in the end the Carter administration agreed. In May 1978 he was given his honourable discharge and won back all his decorations except, for some odd reason, the Purple Heart he had earned for his facial wounds. It was not until ten years later that

President Ronald Reagan signed special legislation to grant him disability benefits. Graham had left school in order to

join the navy, and spent much of the rest of his life selling magazine subscriptions by telephone. He is survived by his wife and two

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Welcome for exam leagues

■ Ministers, shrugging off criticism of the first national publication of school examination results, claimed the government's biggest postwar publishing venture as a revolution in parental choice. About £1.4 million has been invested in three million booklets covering each of the 108 local authority areas. The education department's switchboard was jammed by parents wanting the tables Page 1

Last BT stake to be sold off

A £5 billion sale next year of the government's stake in British Telecom was signalled as ministers strove to reassure the markets of their determination to bring public borrowing under control. Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, told MPs there would be a further "major sale" of shares in the Pages 1, 25 company privatised in 1984....

Bhutto arrested

Benazir Bhutto, the former Pakistani prime minister, was arrested last night as she attempted to lead a mass protest march supporting demands for a general election Pages 1, 16 Debate called

Labour is to stage a full-day Commons debate on Monday to call ministers to account over their handling over the arms-to-Iraq affair. The party's decision to out ministers on the spot over the alleged "cover up", came as the prime minister's office admitted that guidance on exports to Iraq had changed in December 1988 Pages I. 8

Drug cutbacks

Tens of thousands of patients face being switched to cheaper medicines as part of a headlong clash between the government and the pharmaceutical industry over the spiralling costs of the £3 billion NHS drug bill Page 6

Rivals meet

President Bush was meeting his Democratic successor at the White House to give his advice on the state of the nation and his thoughts on the international problems Bill Clinton will face on taking office. Dejected by his defeat, Mr Bush has condemned the 11-week transition period as "too long" Page 15

Lamont's plea

The Chancellor yesterday called on business and industry to take advantage of the changed eco-

nomic circumstances to invest and export, and he pointed out the benefits to foreign companies of investing in Britain..... Page 9

Boost unlikely

The government's £750 million plan to/buy up empty property is unlikely to have much impact on the housing market. Housing associations have made it clear that they are unlikely to buy many repossessed homes, preferring to

French defiance

France headed towards open conflict with its European partners after the Mitterrand administration denounced any new Gatt agreement with America on current terms and called for national unity to defend the interests of French farmers.. Page 14

Buoyant beaulolais

Economic gloom laid upon rumours of a highly variable vintage notwithstanding. British wine importers are expecting buoyant sales for this year's Beaujolais Nouveau. Shippers are advising drinkers to adhere to the better-known labels, as there may be some rubbish ...Page 11

Lords rocked

A bill to tackle the most blatant form of sex discrimination in public life has split the House of Lords. Lord Diamond, a life peer, sees his hereditary peerages bill as giving peers the option of passing on their title to their eldest daughter Page 8

Euro-speak baffles Prince of Wales

The Prince of Wales, in a certain sign that he is human after all, sat in on a session of the European parliament in Strasbourg yesterday and appeared utterly baffled by the torrent of incomprehensible jargon flowing through his multi-lingual headset. The prince chose to listen to a debate on the principle of subsidiarity... . Pages 1, 5



First class: Sharon Alexander, 16, a pupil at Newstead Wood school in Bromley, one of the top ten schools. Pages 1, 2

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Pit profit: Experts brought in by the government told ministers last January that half the 31 pits exrmarked for closure could become economic within the next three to four years, MPs heard yesterday. Miners' leaders described the news as "incredible"..... Page 25

New age alchemy: ICI has looked to the heavens and turned to alchemy in a search for the new name for its Bioscience businesses — Zeneca - which it intends to float off separately on the stockmarket next ... Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 24.8 to 2704.0 after a sharp rise in futures indicated a more optimistic tack. The pound was less exuberant and its trade weighted index remained unchanged at 78.1. Against the dollar the pound rose from \$1.5157 to \$1.5240 but against the mark it fell from DM2.4289 to DM2.4219.

SPORT Cricket: New Zealand's cricketers decided to continue their tour of Sri Lanka yesterday, even though their coach and five players are returning home on compassionate grounds after a terrorist bomb killed five people outside their hotel in Columbo on Monday Page 48

Tennis:Goran Ivanisevic, of Croatia, the beaten Wimbledon finalist, served 14 aces to blast his way past Michael Chang, of the United States, 7-6, 6-2, in his opening match at the ATP tennis championship in Frankfurt...... Page 44

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in Edinburgh.... Page 38 Theatre: Travels with my Aunt at Wyndham's.. . Page 38 Literature: What use is the Whithread Prize? Music: Richard Morrison at the

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mons and crass swapping of angry party platitudes on radio and telemosexuals of both sexes, what are vision, there is a hunger beyond the implications?_ .. Page 18 Westminster for serious argument about serious issues Page 21

minister, is struggling to find a solution to the country's economic and political difficulties. He faces a challenge from the separatist Northern League, revulsion for the Mafia and opposition to his austerity policies. He is thought to be on the right course, provided he can .. Pages 31-35



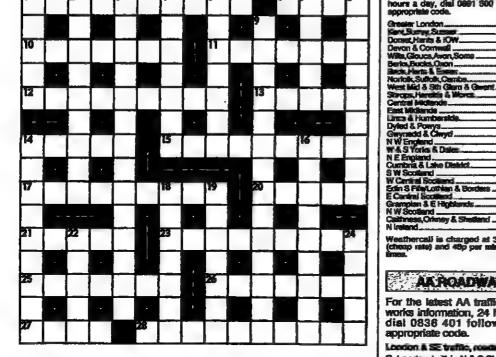
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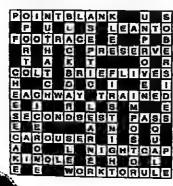
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- 1 Before the consummation of love Cupid pretended to show up (3.2.5). 6 Atlas section including Afghani-
- stan starts here (4). 10 Turned detonator over? That's not on (7). 11 As a remedy for leaks, man
- infiltrates gang (7). 12 Deserve to get training as a docker (9).
- 13 The fellow behind a dowdy 14 Strong drink (5).
- 15 Child slept for a while that's novel! (9). 17 Memorable as a joyful occasion for the florid Latvian king (3-6).
- 20 Adjust one's clothing (5). 21 A proper church contains some-where to sit (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 19,079



- 23 Shot by mariner or good golfer 25 Joss-sticks make one's hackles
- rise (7).
- a final move (7). 27 Opening a love-feast? The open-ing's off (4).
- 28 Toiletry a course to experience (10).

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- 1 A capital fellow who 15 (5). 2 Brownie points given thus as profit (2,3,4).
- 3 Conversely, hath not done her wrong (2,3,5,4).4 Fish taken to wharf (7).
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- dressings to beguile (7). Fauns revel in chaos (5).
- Dump in terminals down under 9 Cast adrift, swans say they have
- no home (5,3,6). 14 Skin a fish -- one still growing
- 16 Strange events gave rise to flower
- power (9). 18 Criminal often found in the bag (3-4).
- 19 Bones broken in big race. . . (3-4).
- 22 ... racehorse gets up to go over it again (5).

 24 Swell stuff, by the sound of it (5).

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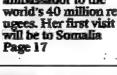
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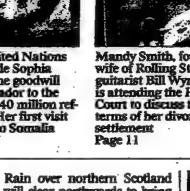
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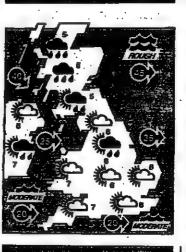
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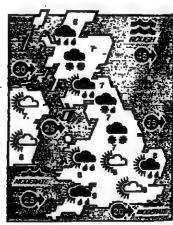
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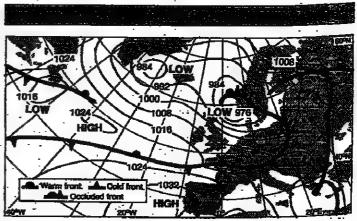


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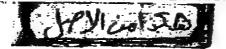


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GOLD

Experts say half threatened pits could be viable

By Ross Tieman

MINISTERS were told in January that half the 31 pits earmarked for closure by British Coal could become viable within the next three to four years, according to mining consultants employ-ed by the government. Min-ers' leaders described the revelation as "incredible".

Despite this advice from its own experts, the government announced the closure of 31 pits last month. The decision was put under review after a public outcry.

Half the pits, according to the consultants, would be ca-

pable of producing coal at costs well below the price agreed between British Coal and its main customers. National Power and PowerGen. the electricity generators.
The report by John T Boyds,

the American mining consul-tant, was delivered to the trade department at the beginning of this year. A review of the contents was made to the trade and industry select committee enquiry, by Ronald Lewis, a Boyds official, yesterday.

David Prendergast, vice-president of the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, said: "This is incredible. Minlumin must have been aware of what was in the Boyds report." The UDM is resuming its High Court battle against the pit closures this morning. Mr Lewis told the commit-

tee his company had been asked to evaluate the prospects of 28 pits. The consultants concluded that better manageimproved · mining techniques and more flexible working practices could enable production of coal from 27 of the mines at an average price of 133p a gigajoule three or four years down the road". That price would make British coal competitive on

Ministers ignored advice from their own experts that half of the 31 pits facing closure could become economic by 1996. Miners' leaders said the revelation was incredible

cost with imported coal delivered to inland power stations. Asked how many of the 31 mines earmarked for closure had the potential to produce at that price, Mr Lewis replied: "I would say 15 or 16."

Mr Lewis said there were "possibilities" of further im-provements that would later cut the cost of output from the 27 pits to 115p a gigajoule. At this price, British coal might be able to undercut all He stressed there was no

need for substantial capital investment, or compromises on safety, to achieve output at a competitive price. But the government would have to egislate to enable more flexible working practices, he told the committee.

The Boyds study covered some of British Coal's most efficient pits, as well as five where production has already been fashed.

According to information obtained by Coal UK, the energy newsletter, nine of the 2 h-pits whose future is now under review were examined by Boyds. In addition, Boyds looked at some pits on the list been halted, including Grimethorpe and Houghton Main, in Yorkshire, Betws, in Wales. and Parkside, in the north-

However, the consultants have now been hired by the government to conduct a fur-ther review. This will examine the 19 pits British Coal plans to keep open, but will focus most closely on the prospects

the 21 pits British Coal wants to close, but which were granted a stay of execution after public outcry at the closure

Mr Lewis said some of the five pits on the closure list of proved productivity. But he was not convinced they could be made viable in the long

"Realistically, when you look at the future of the British Coal collieries, it is not a question of whether it is 50 collieries or 40, it is a question of whether it will be 40 collieries or less," he said.
Mr Lewis told the committee British Coal had achieved

commendable improvements in productivity, and many of its miners had outstanding skill and endurance.
"You have individuals who

work harder than any other miners in the world," he said. Britain should be proud of the quality of its miners, he added.
However, he criticised Brit-ish Coal's management as over centralised. Wer Lewis

said many overseers seemed

unsure whether they were supposed to be safety representatives or foremen. promised to pass the benefit of any reduction in coal prices to customers, yesterday reported a I per cent rise in profits to £98 million. Sir Graham Day, chairman, expects satisfactory results for the year.

Comment, page 29

Golden promise: Sir Graham Day, of PowerGen. has agreed to pass on any benefits of lower coal prices to customer

Earnings at RHM plummet by 38%

BY ANGELA MACKAY

RANKS Hovis McDougall, the baking and groceries group, reported a 38 per cent slump in pre-tax profits to £92.6 million for the year to September 5, in line with both its own and brokers forecasts. The company last month forecast £92 million; that coin-

cided with a £925 million agreed offer from Tomkins, the industrial conglomerate headed by Greg Hutchings. Tomkins, which now holds about 25 per cent of the food group, appears set for success. especially as its rival, Hanson. withdrew from the bidding

last week. The bulk of the fall in RHM's profits was attributable to the milling and bread baking division, pre-tax profits of which dived from almost £60 million to £20.3 million. With high wheat prices and overcapacity in the market, this division is likely to be the first area that Tomkins

Manor Bakeries, maker of Mr Kipling cakes, also suffered during the year; its contribution fell from £18.5 million to £10.9 million.

The American operation performed poorly, its profits falling from £13.7 million to E3.1 million after RHM failed to recognise the trends in the peanut market. Food services and grocery products were the best divisions, contributing more than half of profits.

Group sales rose slightly to £1.56 billion. The final dividend was in line with expectations at 9.54p, taking the total for the year to 13.36p, level with 1991. Earnings per share fell from 29.5p to 19.8p. Analysts said that if RHM continued to trade on its current form. 1993 profits would be unchanged from this

Full £5bn BT sale likely

THE Treasury is set to raise more than £5 billion with the sale of a third tranche of BT shares in the next financial year. City analysts said last night they expect the Treasury to sell all of its remaining stake, although a Treasury spokesman said vesterday that no decision has been taken on the timing or the size of the

stake to be sold. The sale could come just four months after the third and final payment, due on March 2, 1993, on the last BT sale. The government was left with a 21.8 per cent stake after the second BT share sale in November last year. At yester-

day's closing price of 396p, that stake is worth £5.3 billion.

Treasury's plans to sell a further stake as he opened a two-day debate on last week's Autumn Statement.

Chris McFadden, of Smith New Court, said there is likely to be strong demand for BT shares even though people will have only just finished paying for the last tranche. The public offer of the last sale was 1.7 times oversubscribed.

The Treasury has said it wants to raise £5.5 billion in privatisation proceeds in the next two financial years. The announcement means

the sale of the government's remaining 40 per cent stakes in National Power and Power-Gen will almost certainly be delayed until 1994-5. The The Chancellor revealed the generators are keen for an

earlier sale of their shares, but the government is reluctant to proceed given the uncertainty over the UK's energy policy, which is under review by the trade department.

Ten firms have been invited to take part in a beauty parade for the jobs of global co-ordinator of the BT sale. financial adviser and lead UK

Front-numers are thought to be Warburg, NM Roth-schild and Kleinwort Benson. BT welcomed the decision because "it removes the fear, however ill-founded, that the to interfere with BT's manage-

Decision cheered, page 1

Retail sales figures could herald Christmas cheer

By Anatole Kaletsky, economics editor

Exchange index RETAIL sales rose slightly in October, maintaining a three-🚊 - Bank of England official close (4pm) month run of improving high street figures, and confound-STOCK MARKET ing a gloomy survey of retailing conditions published by the Confederation of British

The stronger than expected sales figures, which reflected only the first point of the three one-point cuts in interest rates since sterling was devalued, suggested that the economy **New York Dow Jones** might not prove as weak in the tun-up to Christmas as most analysts had supposed. INTEREST RATES

Industry this week.

Although retail sales vol-umes, adjusted for inflation, rose only 0.1 per cent in October, the increase was broadly based and contrasted with the City's average expectation of a 0.4 per cent decline. Given the sharp falls in consumer confidence recorded in all surveys after the devalua-tion in mid-September, the

advance at all in October suggested underlying strength in consumer demand.

The index of retail sales volumes, up from 121.4 in October from 121.3 in September, has now overtaken the highest quarterly level attained before the onset of the recession. In the second quarter of 1990, the index hit its highest quarterly level of

The average volume of retail sales in the past three months, at 121.2, was still slightly below the pre-recession quarterly peak, but 1.6 per cent higher than a year ago. The three-month average was also 0.9 per cent higher than the average between May and

A large part of the strength in October's retail sales was in food shops, which enjoyed a

higher volumes, up 0.2 per cent. Mixed retailers, which include both food and nonfood businesses, suffered a sharp fall of 1.1 per cent.

According to the Retail Consortium, the industry association that conducts a monthly survey to flesh out the retail sales figures, non-food sectors that showed good sales in October included clothing. footwear, chemists and electrical and electronics. Do-it-yourself business remained dep-

Overall, October sales indicated "a cautious but reasonable start to the Christmas season", according to Hugh Retail Consortium.

Clark, policy director of the ☐ America's trade deficit fell to \$8.31 billion in September from \$8.95 billion in August.

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Exports rose 6.8 per cent to \$38.24 billion, while imports 1.3 per cent increase in monthly sales. But specialist increased 4 per cent to \$46.55 fact that there was any sales non-food retailers also enjoyed

Zed and the art of ICI demerging By GEORGE SIVELL

AFTER the visit of the takeover wizard the boffins at ICI have turned to alchemy. Searching to name the bioscience business, planned to be demerged next year, ICI has turned to the mediaeval quest to turn base metals into gold.

The demerger follows an approach more than a year ago by Lord Hanson, who suggested just such a move. ICI denies the demerger had anything to do with Lord Hanson and says it has been working on such plans for two years.

But Britain's chemicals giant has gone back almost to the dark ages in its search for a new bioscience identity. The letter "Z" of the logo for Zeneca, the chosen name, is derived from an ancient alchemists' symbol used as an abbreviation for proof. The name Zeneca itself alludes to zenith, the highest point or state, the very

opposite of nadir, which more aptly describes ICI's fortunes at the moment. Sir Denys Henderson, the ICl chairman, spelt out yesterday that the decision to proceed with the demerger would depend on the world economy and

market conditions at the time of ICI's full-year results next February. He also said life was "not a bundle of laughs" at the moment and pointed out we are in "a very severe recession". But

he found compensation in the fall of the pound against world currencies. Some analysts feel that the demerger may be shelved because the rump of ICL. a highly cyclical commodities business, would not be able to cover an adequate

dividend in the immediate future. "They have chosen that as their hypothesis" was Sir Denys's retort. But even if the demerger does not go

ahead we have not heard the last of Zeneca. The ocean blue brand name will appear on the side of ICI tubes and packets along with the existing dark blue ICI roundel. The ICI roundel will slowly disappear from packets after demerger. ICI intends to gradually phase in Zeneca as old stocks of ICI stationery,

vans, uniforms or whatever run out. Zeneca was a creation of the imaginations at Interbrand, set up in 1974 to advise on product branding. They will get a five-figure sum. Interbrand successes include Metro, Maestro and Montego for Rover, Hob-Nobs for United Biscuits, and Homebase for Sainsbury.



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Nikkei soars on talk of bid to save market

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

TOKYO stock market prices rose nearly 5 per cent vesterday as institutions and indi-viduals poured money into equities in response to speculation that the Ministry of Finance had asked major

institutional investors to buy. The Nikkei 225 average gained 785.36 points to close at 16,778.84 after two days of significant drops on Monday and Tuesday that pushed the Nikkei down nearly 2 per cent. Share trading volume surged to an estimated 350 million, giving the market its biggest boost since August 27 when

Japanese investors are nervous about the prospects for recovery, fearing the economy has not yet bottomed out, and the government is under pressure to take action

the government announced emergency economic

Market analysts said the gains would be temporary but that the speculation, if true, suggests that the ministry was adopting desperate measures to save the stock market.

Yoshihisa Kitai, economist at Long Term Credit Bank. said: "My instinct tells me that

had not taken the threats

seriously. Strong buying pushed the Hang Seng to its record high of 6.447 only last

Thursday. The volatility of the

market shows how vulnerable

the colony is to China's polit-

Brokers say yesterday saw

the first sign of exodus by

foreign institutions, which

had bought heavily in the past

few months. The local market

is led by overseas buying.

Analysts expect the market to

edge lower now the 6.000-

Foreign buyers pull out of Hong Kong

FROM LULU YU IN HONG KONG

OVERSEAS buyers withdrew Hong Kong until the year from the Hong Kong share 2047. China has withdrawn market yesterday because of its support for Hong Kong's concern over the deepening political rift between Britain new airport and threatened to impose its own government and legislature in 1997. But until this week, share buyers and China.

The Hang Seng index plummeted 240 points, or 4 per cent, to close at 5.848. The plunge came on the heels of two days of panic selling, bringing total losses to 517 points, or 8 per cent of the marker's value, in three days.

Local and overseas investors took fright at China's determination to scupper democratic reforms proposed by Chris Patten, Hong Kong's governor. Zhu Rongji, a deputy Chinese prime minister, has threatened to tear up the 1984 Joint Declaration that guaran-

the gains were merely a response to the overselling on Tuesday which pushed the market below the 15,000 level. If the Ministry of Finance is really taking such measures to force institutional investors to buy, it means that the condition of the market must indeed be very very bad. The longer term conclusion of most investors will therefore be to sell in

two or three months' time." The Tokyo stock market has been suffering from meagre trading levels and inordinate volatility and the Nikkei average has fallen more than 2,000 points in the last three weeks. Most domestic investors are nervous about the prospects for economic recovery and are beginning to acknowledge that the econo-

my has not yet bottomed out. The government's Economic Planning Agency yesterday published a regular monthly report stating that minimal growth in consumer spending and slow corporate capital expenditure, the two sectors traditionally viewed as the main dynamos for economic recovery, continue to slow economic growth.

Investors and bureaucrats are concerned that the impasse in the Diet, Japan's parliament, caused by the latest political scandal, will postpone a Y10 trillion (£52.84 billion) supplementary budget and economic



Profit insulators: David Herman, left, and Bill Hancock, managing director

Anglian shuts out the recession

By PHILIP PANGALOS

David Herman, finance di-

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nated conditions."

A SHARP decline in interest costs has helped Anglian, Britain's biggest retail double glazing company, to weather

Despite severe pressures on its markets, Anglian, which came to the market in July, unveiled maiden pre-tax profits of £10.3 million in the six months to September 26, against £8.86 million last time. On a restated basis, taxable profits would be ahead by 5.2 per cent. Turnover was £71.4 million (£72.5 million) Sir Colin Barker

chairman, said: "We are dodipped to 15.2 per cent (15.7 ing well in worse than anticiper cent).

September's orders were hit by the events surrounding Black Wednesday, but sales have "bounced back", boosted by marketing initiatives. Net interest costs were

for about 90 per cent of Anglian's business, were down on last year, although public-sector sales showed an slashed to £597,000 (£2.53 million). Earnings climbed to 9p (8.9p) a share. There is a maiden interim dividend of Both retail and public-sec-3.7p, against the 3.5p indicated in the prospectus. Robin Hardy, at Panmure Gordon, tor margins held up well, although public-sector work generally yields lower marexpects full-year profits of £21.5 million. gins than retail work. The overall operating margin

Usher-Walker agrees £14.8m American offer

SHARES in Usher-Walker rocketed 80p to 161p after the specialist manufacturer of printing inks unveiled an agreed £14.8 million takeover offer from Sun Chemical Corporation. Sun, a leading American supplier of graphic arts materials to the printing industry in Europe and North and South America, is offering Usher shareholders 167.5p a share — more than double Tuesday's closing price. There is a loan note alternative and a preference offer. Sun plans to sell Usher's non-inks businesses, particularly Surface Flatness, the engineering services operation. Usher-Walker, which employs about 320 people, said few job losses were envisaged.

Shani lifts payout

SHANI Group, the USM-quoted company that designs and supplies women's and children's clothing, is raising its dividend after improved pre-tax profits of £1.96 million (£1.91 million) in the year to end-July, helped by better operating margins. Turnover, hit by lower volumes and lower prices, declined 7.1 per cent to £12 million. The company said there was continuing demand for small runs at short notice. Shani had net cash of £4.84 million at the yearend. Earnings climb to 9.2p (8.9p) a share. A final dividend of 2.8p (2.4p) is recommended, for a total of 4.4p (4p).

Sidlaw advances 27%

GROWTH in demand for oil services and further acquisitions in packaging contributed to a 27-per cent rise in annual profits at Sidlaw, the diversified group based in Scotland. In the 12 months to September 30, pre-tax profits rose from £8.3 million to £10.5 million and earnings from 18.1p a share to 22p, an increase of 22 per cent. There is a final dividend of 6.25p, making 10p for the year, up from 9p. The contribution from oil services rose from £5.06 million to £6.7 million, reflecting higher activity at ASCo's supply bases for the North Sea.

Jerome reduces loss

S JEROME & Sons (Holdings) may be forced to make provisions against contracts at Canary Wharf, London's troubled Docklands development. The company, now focused on textiles, retained contracts worth £1.1 million after selling CMR, its electronics division, to Westinghouse. Some contractors are in administration and legal action is being taken to recover cash. Jerome made a £9,000 loss before tax for the six months to June 30, down from a £576,000 loss last time. The interim dividend is passed (1p).

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Commercial Union back in black with £6 million profit

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COMMERCIAL Union, the composite insurer, is back in the black for the first nine months of the year and is making a £100 million preference share issue, its second this year, to help it in a campaign to capture market share.

The group reported a £6.1 million pre-tax profit in the period, compared with a £42.4 million loss last time. The profit pleased the City, which had been expecting a loss, and the shares rose 9p to 573p. Analysts now believe the group is on course for a small profit for the full year.

CU achieved the turnround due to a 15 per cent rise in general insurance premium income to £2.46 billion and an 11 per cent fall in underwriting losses to £302 million. The rise in premiums allowed CU

COURTAULDS, the interna-

tional chemical materials

group, suffered a fall in first-

half profits of 9 per cent to £88.8 million in the six

However, analysis are up-

rading full-year forecasts to

£195 million, against £186

million last year. Currency gains may be £10 million over

the year but may be countered

by a rise in the cost of raw

materials and the American

The half-year dividend rises

from 3.65p to 3.8p a share out

of earnings down from 19.3p

to 18.3p a share. Sipko

Huismans, the chief executive,

said: "Given the trading con-

ditions we have experienced,

these are sound results.

Courtaulds is not immune to

the effects of prolonged reces-

sion and I am pleased that

sales overall have kept pace

with last year even though margins have been squeezed.

the strength of sterling against

the American dollar for most

of the period nor by the depressed state of the aero-

space industry and softness in

Results were not helped by

debt held by Courtaulds.

months to end-September.

Commercial Union has increased the cost of motor insurance by one third in the past 18 months to compensate for a steep rise in claims

to increase its investment income by £2.5 million to £212 million, despite the fall in British and American interest

CU is benefiting from its decision to pull out of the mortgage indemnity market in the late eighties.

The group also escaped almost unscathed from Hurricane Andrew, which hit America in August. CU said the hurricane cost it just £3 million, since it has little presence in southern Florida or the Louisiana coast where most of the damage occurred. This

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Courtaulds more difficult hus-

nesses are showing improve-

ment, trading in the US is better than a few months ago

and Europe is holding up.
They also say a pension fund
boliday continues at about £21

million a year and a further.

surplus is expected at the next-

revaluation in March 1993.

shall now benefit from our increased competitiveness as a sterling-based producer in do-

lar-based fibre and chemical

markets. Trading conditions elsewhere remain difficult. We

intend to maintain the priority

we are giving to improving productivity in all areas."

Operating profits at Cour-

Mr Huismans added: "We

Analysts say that some of

Courtaulds to rise

after half-way slip

rise 137 per cent to £35.5 In Britain, general insur-ance benefited from a series of

heavy rate increases that CU has pushed through in the last 18 months. The cost of motor insurance has risen by a third in the past year, as the group struggled to compensate for a

Despite the rate rises CU is steadily capturing market share from its rivals. General premiums in Britain rose by a quarter in the period to £1.1 billion. This, coupled with a £10 million fall in subsidence claims to £14 million, helped turn round the general business into a £1.3 million profit, compared with a £52 million loss in 1991.

CU's life assurance side generated a 37 per cent rise in premiums worldwide. In Britain the group's Classic Investment Bond attracted a heavy flow of funds, but demand for regular savings and pension plans was flat.

CU's figures included a £15 million provision for the damage it suffered in the Baltic Exchange bombing.

While profits from Delta Lloyd, CU's Dutch subsidiary, continued to rise, the black spot in the figures were losses of £33 million from its other European businesses. Paul Found, the group financial controller, said that the losses could start to fall as premiums on the continent begin to rise. CU's latest preference share

issue will give it the capital to continue to expand its life and general business. The issue was placed by Hoare Govett, the broker, yesterday. The interest coupon is 2.4

taulds coatings division slipped from £28 million to £27 million and performance materials slipped from £9 million to £7 million. But packaging rose from £11 million to £13 million and chemicals per cent above gilts, 0.2 per cent cheaper than the last placing in May. CU's solvency margin, a ratio between capi-tal and premium income which is a measure of stability. was thought to be around 41 per cent before the issue, and had to be improved to ensure went up from £18 million to E19 million. Fibres and films slipped from £36 million to



Milk men: Unigate's Ross Buckland (left), Sir Brian Kellett, chairman, and John Worby, finance director

Recession squeezes Unigate

UNIGATE, the food, milk, and distribution group, says the depth and severity of the recession has hurt its UK food business (Colin Campbell

writes). Ross Buckland, chief executive, said Unigate's American restaurants and vehicle busiesses had performed well. That had offset the weakness of other divisions. Pre-tax profit for the six months to September 30 was £42 mil-tion, compared with £43.3 million previously.

The interim dividend is

maintained at 5.7p. Unigate continues to refocus activities, concentrating on its core food and distribution divisions. It recently sold its US cheese businesses for \$75 million.

Because of the reces Unigate expects profitability in the remainder of the current financial year to be maintained at a level similar

Whitbread warns of flat prospects as profits rise

By COUN CAMPBELL

Whitbread has now fully

Sir Michael said the growth

in beer sales was led by Bod-dingtons Bitter. Sales of Mur-

phy's Irish Stout grew 35 per

WHITBREAD, the brewing sions - beer, pubs and restauand retailing group, says the rants - but in line with other markets it serves are depressed UK hotel businesses, the and highly competitive, and is Lansbury and Country Club Hotels had a difficult period, Sir Michael said. cautious about the trading The hotel interests will not

Sir Michael Angus, chairman, yesterday reported pre-tax profits of £143 million in be expanded further until better returns are achieved, he the six months to August 29, on a turnover of £1.18 billion, against £142.5 million previ-ously, when turnover was £1.06 billion. complied with the govern-ment's directive to reduce its pubs. The group has 2,300 Whitbread pub partnerships and 1,600 managed pubs.

Though net earnings eased from 23.58p to 22.65p a share, the interim dividend rises 4.4 per cent to 4.75p. Sir Michael said the results were satisfactory, considering

market conditions. Profits from beer and other drinks rose 13 per cent to £44.1 million on a 3.5 per cent rise in beer volumes, in a market where total volumes fell i per cent. The group gained market

Profits at the Beefeater chain were ahead, while Pizza Hut achieved profits in line with last year, despite difficult trading conditions and severely depressed high street retail-

ing. The sale of Pizza Hut

Netherlands has been com-pleted, while the sale of those in France is under

The Thresher chain acquired Peter Dominic during the Interim period. The division claims a market share of the total take-home alcohol market of more than 10 per

Peter Jarvis, chief executive. said Whitbread's performance in the interim period resulted from a concentration on the basics of sales, service and cost savings in tough conditions.

In recognition of changed

conditions in the property market, Whitbread is to bave its UK properties professional ly revalued as at February 27. The results should be incorporated into the annual accounts.

Whitbread A shares rose i ip to 432p on the news.

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Land Sec improves against the trend

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BY OUR CITY STAFF

LAND Securities is continuing to prosper, despite the debts and a stable portfolio. The group increased pre-tax profits by 4 per cent to £116 million in the half year to end-

September. Rental income rose by 9 per cent to £202 million due to a continuing flow of rent reviews. Land Sec is also beginning to benefit from the expiry of rent-free periods agreed in the past two years. The rise in profits allowed the group to raise its interim dividend by 5

per cent to 6.3p.

The group, like most property companies, does not publish a net asset valuation at the half year, but City analysts are expecting it to fall at the end of the year from 555p at present to as little as 460p. Peter Hunt, the chairman,

said that in the past six months Land Sec has cut the amount of its unlet developed property by 2 million sq ft to 10 million sq ft. Despite this, the group is keeping its development programme to a minimum. Land Sec is currently working on retail schemes in Canterbury, Kent, and Boston, Lincolshire, and refurbishing a shopping centre in Ulster.

"We have office develop-ments sitting there but I am not starting them until I see a receptive market and decent not expect any improvement in the market early in the new year. The group's interest payments rose by 12 per cent to £65 million in the half year due to the full effect of a £200 million debenture issue. Mr Hunt said that the level of debts was comfortable. "It still gives us the ability to take a bit more on if we see values rising," he said, adding that the group would look for acquisitions if the market be-

gins to recover. More than three quarters of Land Sec's income is guaranteed until the year 2000, which protects it against fur-

ther property downturns.

Meanwhile, Land Sec earned £11.9 million from interest on deposits, up 20 per cent. But Mr Hunt warned shareholders that this would fall in the second half due to the reduction in interest rates. which will in turn hit profits.

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IDV buys into Italian drinks firm

International Distillers and Vintners (IDV), the drinks division of Grand Metropolitan, has taken a 33.8 per cent stake in Buton, an Italian drinks group best known in Italy for Vecchia Romagna, Italy's leading brandy.
IDV paid L43.7 billion (£21)

million) for the stake in the Milan-quoted company in a move signalling its growing interest in the Mediterranean drinks market. IDV will be a minority partner, with the Sassoli de Bianchi family remaining in control with a 50.1 per cent stake.

The deal will be supplemented with a commercial relationship. IDV said yester-day that if this commercial relationship does not take off, it has arranged for the stake to be sold back to the vendors. Soaring Andrew

The latest insurance costs of Hurricane Andrew, the worst storm to hit America's South East coast, has jumped to \$13.4 billion. The figure from A M Best, the insurance credit rating agency, is 25 per cent higher than the estimate from the industry's trade association and almost a third higher than originally thought.

Rebels rebuffed

The board of Hoskins Brewery, the small USM-quoted brewing group, received strong support from shareholders at an extraordinary general meeting called by rebels attempting to remove certain board members, in-cluding the chairman. About 84 per cent of the votes cast rejected the motion, led by Richard Cattermole, a shareholder, and Dennis Bailey, a stockbroker and former Hoskins director.

Young suffers

POOR summer weather dented half-year profits at Young & Co., the London brewer. The bleak economic climate also hit beer sales in the City, said John Young, chairman. In the six months to the end of September pre-tax profits fell from E3.1 million to £2.5 million and earnings from 15.45p a share to 12.27p. The interim is unchanged at 7p.

New ITN bid wins positive reception from shareholders

Under the new

deal, Granada will join the Carlton-led consortium, writes

Melinda Wittstock

A NEW and final offer for Independent Television News will be sent to the troubled news company's TTV shareholders next week after the deadline for the consortium bid, led by Carlton Communications, lapsed yesterday without agreement.

Under the improved offer, the three ITV companies that lost their franchises — Thames, TVS and TSW — will be given £14 a share as compensation. But the original terms of £1 a share will apply to all other share-holders.

The consortium, which includes Reuters, LWT and Central, will also be expanded to include Granada Television, Scottish and Anglia. Each of the four original consortium members will retince their proposed stakes from 20 per cent to make way for Granada as a fifth and equal partner. All five main shareholders will have 18 per cent each, with Anglia and Scottish 5 per cent each.

The new deal, discussed by shareholders at an ITN board meeting on Tuesday, is understood to have won the support of enough shareholders to succeed. Under ITN's articles of association, any takeover can be blocked



Newsmaker: Michael Green, Carlton chairman

without the support of those representing 75 per cent of

the share capital.

The original offer from Carlton, led by Michael Green, faltered amid opposition from Thames, Yorkshire and Granada. It is now undentood that Thames, which believed £1 a share for its 22 per cent stake in TIN "insulting", will accept the £14 a share offer.

Only Yorkshire, which threatened to oppose the original deal unless its share of ITN's £53.3 million a year agreement to supply ITV with News At Ten and other bulletins was reduced, appears to lose out. "There's no

special deal for Yorkshire," said one consortium source, despite speculation that the revised offer might allow it to pay less at the start of the

five-year supply agreement. The new offer, which is due to be sent to shareholders for final approval on Monday, will contain irrevo-cable undertakings from most shareholders. All are aware of the final terms, but have yet to see a document. Final negotiations are now in the hands of lawyers.

Thames shares rose 7p to 186p on the news. Granada rose 4p to 289p but York-shire was unchanged at

Lower interest rates hurt Willis Corroon

By NEIL BENNETT

THE sharp fail in interest rates in Britain and America and weak insurance markets caused pre-tax profits at Willis Corroon, the Angio-American insurance broker, to plunge 32 per cent to £60.9 million in the first nine months of the

The company also gave warning of a loss in the fourth quarter, because it will not benefit from the fall in sterling this year as it had already hedged its dollar revenues at lower rates before Black Wednesday, September 16.

Willis has also hedged a large part of its dollar earnings

next year at the lower rates. This, with continuing low interest rates and pressure on brokerage income, is prompting many analysts to predict a dividend cut next year. For the third quarter, Willis held its dividend at 3.3p, but

Kevin Phillips, an insurance analyst at Kleinwort Benson. predicts this will be cut to 2p a quarter in 1993. This would ensure the payout was again covered by earnings. Profits at Willis were hit by a

£13 million fall in broking investment income in the nine months to £27 million. The group also suffered an 8 per cent rise in expenses due to the cost of recruitment and 450 redundancies in America. The redundancies are part of the group's reorganisation since the merger of Willis Faber and Corroon & Black last year. The growth in costs outstripped a 3 per cent rise in brokerage income to £429 million.

Underlying expenses in-creased by 3 per cent in the nine months, but fell in the third quarter. Roger Elliott, the chairman, said the group was trying to eliminate any underlying rise in costs.

Mr Elliott said insurance rates in America remain de-

BRITISH FUNDS

pressed, despite speculation that they will be increased in the wake of Hurricane Andrew. "In the last quarter of the year we are likely at best to break even," he said. City analysis are forecasting a loss of up to £1 million.

Mr Elliott said the group

was trying to build on the organisational changes and investment that took place after the merger, and this was increasing the group's costs. "The effect of this is made worse by external factors adverse not only to our business but to that of our competitors."

GOVERNMENT securities ended a lacklustre session or a firm note, with investor hoping for early progress in the Gatt trade talks.

Sentiment was also cheered by the news that the government intends to sell more B shares. The bond market has been labouring under fears that it will be relied on to meet most of the govern ment's PSBR target during the next couple of years.

Prices were initially market lower at the longer end but recovered, helped by opti-mism about Gatt. Trading, however, remained thin. On the futures market, the

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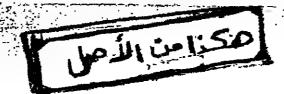
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Whitbread toasts a cautious future

sion is thirsty work, though Whitbread finished its half year to August 29 in reasonable shape. Interim profits were marginally ahead at £143 million (£142.5 million) but the impact of a higher tax charge left net earnings lower at 22.65p a share (23.58p).

Now that the disruption of complying with the government's pub divestment programme is behind it - the £100 million cost of compliance has been accounted for over several reporting periods - Whitbread can more readily concentrate on its core businesses. This will remain tough in the months ahead. Whitbread gained market share in beer, pubs and restaurants in the first half. but Sir Michael Angus, chairman, admits margins remain under pressure, trading conditions have not improved and caution is the byword for the second half.

Whitbread will continue to spend aggressively on marketing to defend and further improve market penetration. and its determination to keep a firm rein on cash and costs pleased analysts. That is essential when competition for the customer's pound is intensifying, the consumer mood remains sluggish, and as Christmas looms the beer market could yet turn bloody.

The incidence of profits from the sale of retail properties (£15.9 million in the first

MAKING profits in a reces- half, compared with £17.9 million previously), will tail off in 1993, and a planned year-end revaluation of UK properties - last carried out three years ago - will make interesting reading.

Pre-tax profits of £256 million (£222 million) look likely, to put the A shares, at 430p, on 12.7 times prospective earnings. The interim dividend rose 4.4 per cent to 4.75p a share, which disappointed some since cover last time was more than two and the group was expected to increase its dividend by between 5 and 6 per cent. Assuming something slightly better for the year, the shares yield about 5.5 per cent. This is a fair rating while the recession drags on.

PowerGen

POWERGEN, the smaller of the two privatised power generators, is feeling pleased that it has completed £475 million of capital investment during the past year on power stations that will open

either on time or early.

That spending has left its mark on PowerGen's profit and loss account. The £18 million of interest received in the first half of last year has disappeared and gearing of 5 per cent is likely to appear on the year-end balance sheet.

The controversial generator still managed to raise pretax profits by 1 per cent to



Pulling power: Sir Michael Angus has seen Whitbread increase its market share

£98 million in the half year to September 27. Earnings rose .5 per cent to 8.58p. Like National Power,

PowerGen owes its health in a declining electricity market to the cost cuts made since privatisation. Numbers employed have come down from 9,500 to 5,773 so far. PowerGen might have increased its dividend by more than 9.8 per cent to 3.35p for

the half year but like National Power it is awaiting the signing of deals with British Coal and the regional electricity companies.

The winter half is by far the most important for profits at the generators. But assuming full-year profits of £375 million (£359 million) and earnings of 33.5p (30.98p) a dividend rise of 10 per cent to 10.2p seems likely. This puts

the shares on a prospective yield of 4.86 per cent at yesterday's share price of 279.5p, up 8.5p, where they would sell at 8.3 times earnproperly cautious ahead of the coal review.

Land Securities THE modest rise in rental income and profits from Land Securities at the half

faith in any property company at present and Land Sec shares are languishing at 424p despite the group's resilience. This may be only 8 per cent below the group's likely net asset value but it would put them on a yield of 7.2 per cent on the likely full year dividend of 22.8p. This is higher than the current base rate and certainly does not reflect the likelihood of a further dividend rise next year or the chance of a further cut in base rates. Well

worth buying for income.

year speaks volumes about

the stability of the group's portfolio and its finances.

While the 4 per cent rise in

pre-tax profits to £116 mil-

lion in the half year to September is hardly thrilling.

Land Sec should be able to

keep up momentum for the

next couple of years, provided

lettings continue. Three quar-

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there is little risk the group

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with acres of empty offices.

ahead, the outlook becomes

less clear. Income may well

stagnate unless there are

strong signs of a recovery in

the property market and the

group can revive its develop-

ment programme. But 1995

is really too far away to worry

about when most property

firms are happy to survive

The stock market has little

until the end of the week.

More than two years

STOCK MARKET

Premature hopes of Gatt accord pull shares higher

By Michael Clark, stock market correspondent

SHARE prices were squeezed higher in late trading, with investors hoping for an early agreement in the Gatt trade talks. After the close of business, the French scuppered their hopes by insisting that conditions for an accord did nat exist.

This came too late to affect

National Power, which reported a 10 per cent rise in interim profits this week, advanced by 9½p to 279½p; PowerGen rose by 84p to investors are buying the shares of both companies, yields. The Americans hope the next stop is 300p.

the FT-SE 100 index. It recovered from an early setback of almost nine points and closed near its best of the day. 24.8 points up at 2,704. Brokers said a large buyer of the index on the futures market had accelerated the rise.

An opening gain on Wall Street, prompted by the US trade figures for September, added to the market's euphoria. America's \$8.3 billion deficit was not as bad as feared, mitigated by a sharp rise in exports. Stores continued to make

headway, cheered by a 0.1 per cent retail sales rise in October. Most experts had expected a fall of 0.4 per cent. The rise takes the year-on-year increase to 1.8 per cent, the best monthly figure since

ons, 7p to 243p; Great Universal Stores A, 27p to £15.85; Kingfisher, 15p to 565p; Lloyds Chemists, 10p to 243p; Marks and Spencer, 7p to 324p; Next, 32p to 1322p; QS Holdings, 9p to 224p; Sears. 12p to 932p; and Storehouse, 7p to 185p.

BT finished 2p firmer at 396p, after touching 402p. The government plans to sell another tranche of BT shares next year. Dealers said no move was expected until the

LADBROKE: SHARES BOUSTERED BY PROFIT UPGRADING

new shares go fully-paid in

BOC Group continued to respond to this week's better than expected trading news with a rise of 162p to 7192p; but Thorn EMI, which reports interim figures next Tuesday, fell by 17p to 775p, hit by a sell recommendation from Strauss Turnbull.

Usher Walker, the printing inks group, surged 80p to 16 lp after news of the agreed offer of 1672p a share from

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Sun Chemical. The deal values Usher Walker at almost

Union Discount, the discount house, jumped 10p to 7 lp after revealing that it had received a bid approach. Geest, the banana importer,

dropped 19p to 249p on a profits downgrading. Cazenove, the company's own broker, has cut its forecast for the current year by £3 million to £22 million. Downgradings were also reckoned to be

FTSE Euro 100: 1051.36 (-4.96)

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responsible for falls in companies as diverse as Tom Cowle, the motor distributor, down 8p at 138p, and Brake Brothers, the food distributor, 9p cheaper at 383p. TI Group, the engineer, was 3p off at 282p after Smith New Court cut its 1993 forecast by £18 million to £135 million. However, Ladbroke, the

betting to hotels and property group, was chased 8p higher to 183p by at least three brokers - County NatWest. UBS Phillips & Drew and Hoare Govett. UBS Phillips & Drew is said to have increased its forecast for the current year from £170 million to £180 million, and that for 1993 from £108 million to £215 million, after a meeting with Cyril Stein, the chairman.

Whithread A rose 11p to 432p after the company weighed in with half-year figures shead of analysis' forecasts. Pre-tax profits were marginally ahead at £143 million. The group said margins remained under pressure, reflecting economic uncertainty. Half-year figures from

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products group, were less encouraging, showing pre-tax profits down from £43.3 million to £40.2 million. The

shares rose 4p to 289p.

Commercial Union jumped 9p to 573p after returning to the black in the third quarter with a pre-tax profit of £19.6 million (£14.8 million loss).

RTZ, the mining finance group, was left behind by the iate rally enjoyed by the rest of the market. The price ended the session 14p lower at 604p, on turnover of 2.6 million shares. Goldman Sachs, the American securities house, is said to have picked up 800,000 shares at 595p from one of its clients.

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Case for coal grows by the day

earings before the trade and industry select committee provide a public commentary on Michael Heseltine's review into why he ended up with a plainly wrong answer on pit closures and how he could find a better one. Yesterday's evidence from the American mining consultant who has already reported to the government on the key pits suggests that ministers had respectable evidence of their own that many of the pits condemned for closure could produce at economic prices within the forseeable future. That casts Mr Heseltine's original decision in a rather different light. The pits were not condemned because they were uneconomic, as the public were led to believe. They were to be shut, more likely, because they were not needed to fulfil the contract rushed through to enable British Coal to be privatised. Otherwise, the closure plan would surely have been withdrawn before it was announced, because of the improvement to coal economics brought by devaluation.

That may explain why the DTI, inheriting the anticoal agenda of the former energy department, came up with the wrong answer. It does not, of itself, provide Mr Heseltine with a simple way of getting out of the corner into which he has been painted. There are two main issues. First, to create room for more coal in the electricity market in the next three years. Second, to get through the transitional phase and make management changes needed to bring British Coal pits up to the cost standards the consultants are sure they can achieve.

This is likely to require some tough decisions about

British Coal's top management and its privatisation schedule. Logic suggests delaying the latter, though instant sale to the private sector could be one way of changing management. Mr Heseltine will also need. to inferfere blatantly in the electricity market if he is to avoid taxpayer subsidy and turn to the European Community as a substantial potential medium-term market for British Coal at much lower prices than others' indigenous supplies, which are being maintained at the expense of British pits.

The longer term case for such uncongenial actions grows stronger by the day. The uneconomic nature of some gas contracts is well-known, as is the absurd cost of replacing any of Britain's ageing nuclear capacity. The pound has fallen more than expected and any further drop against the dollar will make imported coal a long-term luxury consumers would prefer not to afford. American analyses also suggest that the dollar prices of both natural gas and coal are likely to rise on the world market. At a recent American minerals conference, for instance, it was predicted that imports by Pacific rim economies will rise by 80 million tonnes a year and European imports by 70 million tonnes by the end of the decade. On this basis, Mr Hessliine would simply raise electricity costs as well as damage the economy unless he plans for a continuing market of between 50 and 60 million tonnes of British coal.

Smelling as sweet

eneca is at least a better computer invention as a practical new international name for ICI → Bio than Exxon was for the former Esso. Introducing it will also revive the momentum for the split of ICI, by demonstrating boardroom commit-ment. That had seemed to be flagging in the face of acute financial snags about the dividend and balance sheet that would be left for the rump ICI. Such difficulties will only go away when the international chemicals market durns up, which is not likely to happen before Sir Denys Henderson and his colleagues are scheduled to decide on the demerger in February. It would not be a disaster if the financial split had to be put off for a year or two.

Open skies dream is clouded by spectre of protected flag-carriers

Leading European airlines remain

pessimistic about liberalisation.

despite assurances

from regulators. says Harvey Elliott

n a little over six weeks. Europe's airlines will be liberalised — apparently free to fly where they want and to charge what they like. The competition that the package of measures agreed

ov transport ministers will

bring should lead to improved

services and lower fares. That, at least, is the theory. In the gloom-ridden board-rooms of Europe's financially haemorrhaging airlines, how-ever, there is no such optimism. Most predict the onset of a fierce battle as the biggest fight to retain dominance and swallow up smaller loss-makers. It could even become a rerun of the American experience of deregulation, which has resulted in all but one of the 176 airlines set up to provide competition forced out

Europe's regulators say they are determined to ensure that this does not happen and that they will frame rules so that new-entrant airlines will be able to take on the big boys. Despite their high ideals, however, they are flying in the face of the reality of a market in which national governments are still protecting their own "flag carriers". The lack of airport landing slots also makes it virtually impossible for new airlines, or lean existing airlines, to grow.

of business.

ven British Midland, which is leading the campaign to ensure genuine competition, is pessimistic. Sir Michael Bishop, British Midland chairman, said: There is a myth which needs putting to rest. It is that on January 1 1993, we will see a brave new world in European air travel ere the consumer shall at lest be king. Sadly ... the pitialls remain great and political will throughout Europe remains, at best, lukewarm. The prospect of dramatically lower air fares remains, at this stage, no more than a tantalising mirage. There is simply too much at stake for too many vested interests to hope for a magic quick fix."

One of his main complaints is that, despite the talk of a as rampant as ever and that state subsidies, which have resulted in little or no incentive to reduce costs or improve efficiency, will continue, however high the price.



have decided they can no longer bear the drain of keeping the national flag flying are discovering that the losses are will put money into the state-owned ventures, or even take them off their hands complete-

man of the defunct British Caledonian, once said: "If you have to tighten your belt you are in a recession. If you have no belt left to tighten you are in a slump. If your trousers are around your ankles you are in the airline industry Europe's airline industry,

struggling against the recession anyway, has indeed got its trousers firmly around its feet. In the last financial year, the 22 members of the Association of European Airlines ran up combined losses of \$1.05 billion and only privatised Brit-ish Airways, with profits of \$685.3 million, is remotely in a position to expand, buy new aircraft and compete with the international airlines of the

Even BA, which this week announced a rise of almost 25 per cent in its half yearly profits, is worried about the. future and warns that prospecis remain uncertain as yields fall and the world recession shows no sign of ending. Within a few years, it handful of hig global airlines flying, and it is determined to be one of them.

Far East and America.

Yet, ironically, the regula-tors are determined to curb its growth in the name of compe-

tition where they can, even though the government prag-manically nodded through its acquisition of the near-bankrupt Dan-Air.

British Airways wants to remain dominant in Europe and, by drastic cost-cutting and aggressive purchasing, is slowly building up a genuine European-wide combine. For the others, virtually all stateowned in some degree, the prospect of the ever-more efficient BA gradually taking over is frightening. They too are beginning to realise that if they are to survive and if their governments are to be persuaded to go on throwing money into the bottomless pit of their losses, they also must

Jan Carizon, chairman of the Scandinavian Airlines System, SAS, is convinced that by 1995 there will be only five major international airlines left, with others filling niche markets, and is bracing him-He said: "We have no choice. The time has come to jump into the cold water.

European airlines have a hope to match BA's efficiency. ☐ Air France: Despite its position at the centre of Europe, and its huge turnover, the company lost \$132 million in 1990 and a further \$12 million in 1991. Management and unions have been sheltered from real competition by the French government, which owns all but 0.5 per cent of the airline. Its recent investment in Sabena could give a boost - but can two loss makers become one big profit

From Mr Giles Robertson

Sir. I write in response to your

article (November 17) about

dropping sales in Oxford Street. I wish to outline a

project that has been devel-

oped to draw people back to

Oxford Street for a good reason. An innovative joint venture with Save The Child-

ren Fund and the Oxford Street retailers' association has

created a campaign intended

to give people an added rea-

son for shopping in Oxford

Street during the Christmas

period. The project is intended

to raise money for Save The Children Fund through collec-

tion tins in and around the

stores in Oxford Street, at the

same time as generating ex-

citement through the cam-

paign and, in addition, to help

retailers through a difficult

year by attracting people to the world's most famous shopping

A logo has been developed

to give a recognisable face to the project, which has been

incorporated in posters and

special shopping bags (featur-ing a paperchain of cur-out

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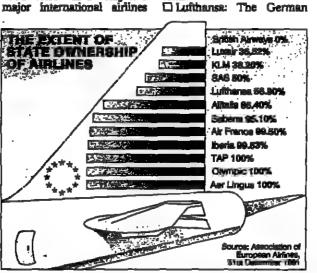
the message "Oxford Street for Save The Children"). At

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government wants to sell 51 per cent of its 56 per cent stake in the airline but, so far, has not found anyone prepared to pick up what could be a poisoned chalice. The airline lost \$257 million last year and is struggling against determined and strong union opposition to reduced labour costs.

Lufthansa spends 32 per cent of its total costs on wages, compared with only 24 per cent at British Airways, If it can cut these costs and take full advantage of its position between East and West, the carrier could become one of the most powerful by 1995. ☐ Alitalia: The priority for the Italian airline, in which the government has an 86 per cent stake and which lost \$27.9 million last year, is to replace its aging fleet and find a north European partner. Over-manning and poor passenger reputation, however, is

adding to its troubles

☐ KLM: The sky-high reputation of the partly privatised Dutch airline and Amsterdam's Schipol airport is pro-viding KLM with a much needed flow of high-yield transatlantic traffic. A loss of \$346 million in 1990 was turned into a \$66 million profit last year. KLM desperately needs more partner airlines, however, if it is to pick up passengers from the rest of Europe and feed them on to its than see them drained away to Heathrow or Frankfurt. ☐ Iberia: Almost wholly

owned by the Spanish government, Iberia has taken some dramatic marketing initiatives

more passengers but, because they are generally paying low fares, enormous losses. The airline lost \$137 million in 1990 and a further \$346 million last year. Even the Spanish government is beginning to blanche at the continuing losses and are pressing for ever tighter links with airlines in Latin America to help take advantage of the fastgrowing, high-yield southern

Aer Lingus: The Irish government's proposal to sell 49 per cent of the wholly state owned airline has brought howls of outrage from the unions. But Acr Lingus is fighting a losing battle from the periphery of Europe and lost \$18.5 million last year, with accumulated debts of \$1.05 billion. Now it too is looking for a parmer in central Europe or North America, again without success

☐ Olympic: The Greek airline is in an even more desperate financial plight and the government is anxious to be rid of the millstone around its neck With a turnover of only \$828.5 million, Olympic lost \$164.3 million in 1990 and a further \$134 million last year. ☐ TAP: The Portuguese are proud of their national airline and seem willing to go on funding its losses million last year. At the edge of Europe, however, it is difficult to see how it can play a major international role after

year being spent on air fares in Europe, it would seem, at first sight, that airlines should be able to make money. The fact that the vast majority do not and that the average ticket is now sold at a loss of around £10 indicates just how inefficient they have become through years of protectionist government intervention, and how the clamour for ever cheaper air fares is a cruel misreading of the prob-

lems now facing the industry. Little wonder that so many state-owned airlines are looking at BA's healthy profits with envy. The problem they face, however, is turning that into harsh market-driven economy without destroying the quality of service or causing industrial unrest among union

Cheap air fares are already provided by charter airlines who will also be free to compete, if there is the space at the crowded airports in the new liberal regime coming into force on .

The headlong rush into a liberal aviation industry within Europe is not as simple as it is made to sound by politicians - and the airlines are gradually learning that the hard way.

THE TIMES

Trotting off to Dalgety

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DINNER party conversations will never be the same again for Richard Clothier. Rhodesian-born Clothier, 47, who for the past four years has been running something called the Pig Improvement Company, will from next June become the chief executive of its par-ent, Dalgety, the food group. Clothier saw off both internal and external competition to land the job, thereby succeeding Maurice Warren when he retires. Clothier, with Dalgety since 1977, readily admits that his involvement with pigs has never failed him as a conversational line. "You do get interesting questions and they lead to fascinating conversations," he says. Indeed, if our own conversation is anything to go by, it could prove difficult to wean him off. The Pig Improvement Company is, it seems, at the leading edge of "designer" pigs for coun-tries as far afield as the Ukraine. Clothier's favourite. he reveals, is the Camborough. "it is a very good mother. It produces good litters and it rears them well," he says. It is also PIC's most successful line - more than 500,000 of the creatures are sold each year.

Takeover gremlins

DAVID Williams, chief executive of Usher-Walker, the printing inks specialist that yesterday unveiled a surprise £14.8 million agreed takeover by Sun Chemical Corporation, reveals that at the 11th hour gremlins infiltrated the system. Williams, ex-Mosaic reduced the Broadgate ice rink



Investments, was up until 5am finalising the deal and was back at his desk again after breakfast to deal with the anticipated wave of telephone calls from shareholders, institutions and financial press. The switchboard telephones failed to ring, however. Williams's direct line and Usher's fax machine also lay silent. Mobile telephones were also rendered useless when the batteries failed. "I think we were jinxed. First the phone system packed up, then the mobile phones all ran out." Williams is not expected to remain at Usher, other than to oversee the integration, and hints that he will not be absent from the City for long. Already he has, he says, received "at least a few" offers of alternative work.

THE City's many broomball fans will have to put their broomsticks aside for a couple of weeks because of a leaking

to a shallow paddling pool. The American ball game, played in soft shoes instead of ates, has become one of the City's favourite winter sports and the sixth Charles Heidsieck championship was due to begin tomorrow. It attracted a record 100 entries this year but has now been postponed. Broadgate had offered plastic ice as an alternative, but according to broomball experts that is insufficiently slippery. Broadgate Estates, the property manager, is endeavouring to re-freeze its watery pool and hopes it will be fully operational again by mid-December.

Ecstasy tragedy

AS the Princess of Wales keeps up her tireless campaign against drug addiction, a tragic case illustrating the dangers of drug use is being brought to the City's attention. Jeremy Wood, whose firm Kapiti supplies dealing-room software throughout the Square Mile, has just suffered the loss of his son Ben, 20, who died on Saturday after being given a sample—and single—Ecstasy pill

Wood now wants to convey the dangers to others in the City who have teenage child-ren. The Princess of Wales says hugging would make children feel wanted, but Ben couldn't have been more loved," Wood says. "He was not a drug addict or from a deprived home. He med the drug because he was an adventurous, impressionable boy. You only have to have one go for it to be fatal."

CAROL LEONARD | Blackheath, SE3.

Our sympathies go to both

Ofwat chief promises to help solve disputes on water connection costs

From the director general

of Ofwat Sir, Mr Gordon Glass writes (November 10) about the charges levied by Thames Water for providing a water supply to his premises. Although my office has not received a complaint about the charge of £27,688 to which he refers. I know from complaints we have received that there is concern about the level of these charges which can have a considerable impact, particularly on the costs of new

Such charges consist of two elements. The first is an infra-

Cloud over Thames From Mr Stanley Hill

Sir, In your edition of November 4 (business section), you show a large picture of the chairman (Sir Roy Watts) and the chief executive (Mike Hoffman) of Thames Water, cele-brating over their drinks of water. They are celebrating the increase in profits, apparently, not the large increase in water charges, which made it possible and which is to be

repeated next year.

Maybe they were also celebrating the fact that the profit on their personal share options had increased in the last two months by £100,000 to £375,000 and by £140,000 to £515,000 respectively. It is good going. They can begin to realise on these profits from early 1993. Yours faithfully. STANLEY WM. HILL, Arthur Collins & Co., Advisers on Finance of Public Authorities in

UK & Abroad,

35c Tranquil Vale,

structure charge, set by the government in 1989, and intended to reflect the costs to the company of adding to its capital stock to cater for new demand. I will be reviewing all the companies' charging limits in 1994 and as part of that review I will be looking at the principle and level of

infrastructure charges. The second element is a charge set by the company for making the connection to the water main and associated works - such as installing the stopcock and the company's part of the service pipe.

Parliament has given me new powers to determine a range of disputes, including those relating to the costs of making water connections and associated works. These powers took effect on Septem-ber 1. If a customer is unable to resolve a dispute about connection costs with his water company he should write to me and I will determine whether the charges levied are reasonable. My determination is binding on both parties. Yours faithfully, ICR BYATT, Director General, Ofwat, Office of Water Services. Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street.

VAT break would help small business

From Mr Maurice Gourgey Sir, I read with interest Mr Andrew McIntyre's letter (November 17) and the dilemma facing small businesses. especially when they are finding it almost impossible to borrow from their bankers. A reasonable solution to such problems is for the Chancellor to give such businesses a

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tional three months, to pay their VAT and PAYE dues. It is also possible that the government could charge interest of say, 7 per cent per annum for the three months in question, thereby injecting some capital into their business which they are unable to find elsewhere. Yours faithfully, MAURICE GOURGEY. holiday period of say, an addi-48 Rochester Row, SW1.

Campaign to put sparkle back into Oxford Street and help charity

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secure hugely reduced media costs for running all these ads. Linford Christie turned on the Oxford Street lights for Save The Children in Selfridges, and acknowledged the outstanding work done by the charity. This event received considerable press and radio coverage, which helped our project considerably. Over the Christmas period there are a number of specific events, such as a carol concert, to tie in with the Save The Children fund-raising campaign.

So far the project has been very successful and we are all very pleased with how it is going. There are still a num-ber of weeks before the project ends. A walk along Oxford Street shows the profile our project has achieved with posters, collection tins, stickers and special shopping bags. For us and Save The Children it would be a great help if in the future, when discussing Oxford Street retailers, you could mention the marvellous work that has gone into the project and also how successful it has been. It is not all gloom in Oxford Street Yours faithfully GILES ROBERTSON. Account Executive, Saatchi & Saatchi

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Italy is facing its hardest economic and political decisions for decades. John Phillips assesses the chances of recovery in the face of separatist pressures and the need for unpopular austerity

greatest political turbulence it has experienced in Lat least a decade, Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, is bartling renaciously to forge a durable administration from his

five-month-old government.
Initially, most observers saw his coalition of Socialists, Christian Democrats, Liberals and Social Democrats as a cabinet of transition. But the achievements of Signor Amato, a 54-year-old socialist economist, have been impressive when compared with the immobilismo of his predecessor, Giulio Andreomi, the veteran Christian Democrat.

Parliament is expected to com-plete ahead of schedule its approval of his 1993 austerity budget, designed to raise revenue and cut spending by the equivalent of £44 billion together with a law authorising the government to make sweeping reforms of the welfare state. This should enable Italy to qualify for a European Community loan worth £8 billion to help Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the highly respected governor of the Bank of Italy, to replenish funds depleted before the 7 per cent devaluation in September.

Confidence in the lira, freely floating outside the EC's exchange rate mechanism, has revived. Trade-union threats to renege on a historic agreement, brokered by the government in July, abolishing the inflationary wage indexation system, the scala mobile, have so lar produced only sporadic strikes. An ambitious privatisation programme has begun.

Signor Amato, known to the press as Dottore Sottile (Dr Subtle), is determined to soldier on with the Herculean task of trying to meet

s Italy passes through the Maastricht convergence targets on curbing government spending and on reining in Italy's public debt. which exceeds gross domestic product for the first time in a peacetime

European economy since 1924. Will Signor Amato survive to pursue his mission? Politicians across the spectrum have been loath to threaten the government's 16-seat majority while the vital budget package is in the works. Now, however, some party grandees, within and outside the coalition, believe that the alliance should



Giuliano Amato: "Dr Subtle"

be widened or Signor Amato challenged, despite his successes. He needs all the help he can find. There is no doubt that Italy is undergoing its worst psychological crisis since the terrorist threat of the late 1970s and early 1980s. As if economic maladies were not enough, the state this year has faced the fiercest challenge yet from organised crime in the south. culminating in the savage assassination of two judges, Giovanni

Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, the

top anti-Mafia investigators At the same time the vast corruption scandal that has erupted in Milan has deeply undermined public confidence in traditional

Magistrates who risk their lives against the Mafia and political bribery have emerged as the new heroes of Italy. This is combined with disillusionment with the political system, and that has given the devolutionist Northern League some spectacular electoral successes. In the view of many foreign observers in Rome, the eventual disintegration of Italy, while unlikely, is not inconceivable unless deep electoral and institutional reforms are quickly implemented.

The strongest argument advanced by Signor Amato's supporters for his remaining in office is that there is no obvious credible alternative. No other mainstream politician relishes the grim prospect whipping the economy into shape by dismantling the health service and laying off workers in lame-duck state-run companies.

The painful path to economic health will probably last three years. If Signor Amato's govern-ment is defeated in that period. before he is able to put his budget package into effect, there might be a new run on the lira. But there is growing evidence that Italians are increasingly questioning whether a coalition of parties that have ruled Italy profligately for decades is reforming fast enough.

The local election in September in the province of Mantua, which gave the Lombardy League and Umberto Bossi, its leader, a stunning victory, has been seen as a weathervane. Similar polls to be held in Varese, Signor Bossi's



Flying its own flag: the sensational electoral success of the Lombardy League has highlighted the need for urgent political reform

home town, and Monza next month are expected to have a similar outcome.

Disillusionment with the political system was already clear in the general election in April, when for the first time the Christian Democrats received less than 30 per cent of the national vote. The Lombardy League won 50 seats in the Chamber of Deputies and 25 in the Senate. La Rete (network), the anti-Mafia party led by Leoluca Oriando, a crusading former mayor of Palermo, won first place in the Sicilian capital

he corruption scandal in Milan has led to the arrest of nearly 100 politicians and businessmen since February and has severely tar-nished the image of both the Christian Democrats and the Socialists. Signor Amato's reputation for honesty has been insufficient to revive their fortunes. The government parties could probably not now muster a parliamentary majority if President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro called a new general election.

Signor Amato was a popular figure when he took office, but there has inevitably been grum-

bling over such measures as a oneoff tax on bank accounts and new taxation of property. He was perhaps seen as most simpation when he took the unustal step for a politician of going so far as to apologise publicly for presenting devaluation as a triumph.

Signor Amato's greatest weakness is perhaps his long-standing personal link to Bettino Craxi, the former prime minister and secretary of the Socialist party. Signor Craxi has suffered a big drop in popularity since the Milan corruption investigation implicated his brother-in-law and other close associates.

The government hopes that popular yearning for change will be assuaged by reforms under consideration by a bicameral parliamen-tary committee formed in July. Socialists, Christian Democrats and representatives of the Democratic Party of the Left, formerly the Communist party, have agreed tentarively in the committee on reform of the proportional representation system.

Ciriaco De Mita, the committee chairman, who is a former president of the Christian Democrat party, has said that it also favours

widespread institutional reforms. including the German-style election of the prime minister by parliament and the transformation of the senate into a quasi-federalist "council of regions". The committee is reported to envisage neutralising the devolutionist appeal of the northern leagues by creating a "regional state", with tax-raising powers transferred to regional governments.

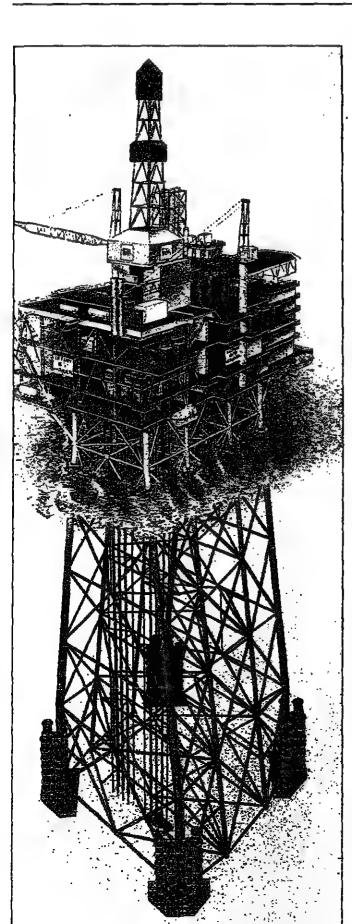
tubborn opposition to these plans is coming within the committee from Mario Segni, the Christian Democrat maverick who pushed for political reform by organising a constitutional referendum in June 1991. That led to the abolition of the notorious system of preference voting that allowed the Mafia to provide blocks of votes to politicians.

Signor Segni is an admirer of the British first-past-the-post system and believes electoral reform should be more radical than Signor De Mita proposes. He and his supporters in a cross-party parliamentary pact have obtained preliminary court approval for new referendums, to be held next June.

Signor Segni has had partial success in galvanising the Christian Democrats on electoral reform. Mino Martinazzoli, their new party chairman, may come round to supporting the referendums to keep Signor Segni within the party. Alternatively, he may expel him. which would cause a party schism. Either way. Signor Segni is widely regarded as the most serious afternative to Signor Amato as prime minister in the medium term.

As the extent of the parious state of the economy sinks into public consciousness, there is a growing realisation that Italy runs the risk of being shunted into the second rank of a two-tier Europe. Many leaders of the leagues believe that the rich north is ready to meet EC criteria and should go into the European monetary union on its own, leaving the impoverished south, the Mezzogiorno, behind if necessary.

Signor Amato's determined five months in office have taken Italy into the foothills of the trenchant economic policy required to meet EC convergence targets. However. the future of the republic remains more unpredictable than at any time since the communist surge of



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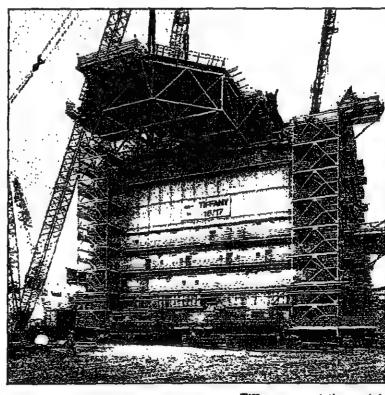
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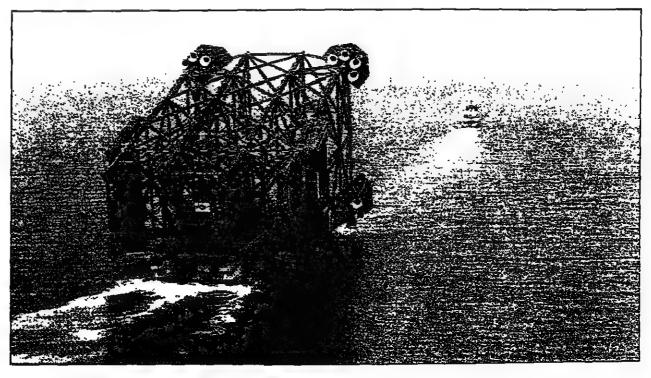
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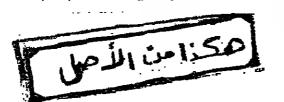
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War on the Mafia, by popular demand

tions this sumjudges, Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, created an unprecedented popular revolt against the organisation that has forced the Italian state at last to give priority to the battle against organised crime.

A package of tough new anti-Mafia measures has been approved by parliament, including greater encourage-ment and protection for supergrasses, wider telephonetapping powers for the police and steps to enable them to infiltrate the Mafia-style organisations. Bruno Siciari, a senior magistrate, has been appointed to the newly created post of "super-prosecutor", and the Direzione Investigativa Anti-Mafia, the new national anti-Mafia police force, has been put on a stronger footing.

Troops were deployed on the streets of Palermo immediately after the second murder. and a total of 7,000 paratroops and other élite soldiers have now gone into action on the island. In a return to the tactics used by Mussolini in the 1920s, scores of Mafia bosses have been flown from Ucciardone jail in Palermo to

Two murders forced Italy to fight organised

crime as a priority, writes John Phillips

Pianosa, a remote penal island

off Tuscany.

Judge Falcone was killed by a bomb that exploded under the road as he drove to Palermo on May 23, together with his wife, Francesca, herself a magistrate. Judge Borsellino was killed by a radio-controlled car bomb in Palermo on July 19. Since then, the troops, lacking local knowledge, have been unable to strike a decisive blow against the island crime gangs, but their presence has reduced petty crime and boost-

ed public morale. In September, police had a success when they arrested Giuseppe Madonia, reputed to be second in command of the Sicilian Mafia and the right-hand man on the Sicilian Mafia's ruling committee, led by Salvatore "Toto" Riina. who has been on the run for 25 years. Liliana Ferraro, who succeeded Judge Falcone as the director-general for criminal affairs after the magistrate was murdered, has cautioned that such Successes against organised crime should not be overestimated. The authorities were lulled into a false sense of security in the 1980s after Judge Falcone put 2,000

The dangers of lowering the guard were illustrated this month when hitmen killed two businessmen who refused to pay protection money and de-nounced the extortionists to police. In Foggia in Apulia, Giovanni Panunzio, known as

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l'imprenditore coraggio (entrepreneur courage) was shot dead on November 6 as he drove home, and in the Sicilian resort of Gela, Gaetano Giordano, a perfume-shop

against extortionists rather gunned down on November 10. His son was seriously wounded in the attack.

These events led to a new

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capital, whose new anti-Mafia party, La Rete, came first in Palermo in the general election in lando, a 45-year-old lawyer, won the secand highest number of votes of any politician in Italy. Signor Orlando

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has criticised government policy, saying the measures taken will leave the Mafia virtually unscathed unless the traditional links between Cosa Nostra and the old political parties in Rome are severed, and the kingpins on the run whose whereabouts are known are roun-

ded up. La Rete made further political gains in

September's local elections. The party's candidates will have another opportunity next year, when the people of Catania, Sicily's second city, will elect their mayor directly for the first time. Signor Orlando wants to return to Palermo as mayor when local elections are held there, proba-

bly next year. Traditional political patronage by the Maiia of politicians from mainstream parties in the south is perhaps the most difficult weapon of the Mafia to combat. A start was made old preferential voting system that helped Mafiosi to guarantee politicians "packets" of

votes in return for favours. The extent to which parliament undertakes further serious electoral reform will influence the outcome of the battle against organised

Agostino Cordova, another courageous magistrate, is Calabria into the links between Mafia-style organisations throughout lialy. illegal masonic lodges and politicians.

A report by Palermo magistrates on the killing in March of Salvatore Lima, for decades the most powerful Christian Democrat politician in Sicily, decided he was murdered because he no longer collaborated with Cosa Nostra.

The report quoted supergrass, Leonardo Messi-na, as saying Signor Lima was the intermediary between the Mafia and Giulio Andreotti, prime minister umil April. Signor Andreotti has denied any links to Cosa Nostra and defended Signor Lima's reputation. He and other politicians are to testify before the anti-

Meanwhile, Italy has made progress in obtaining greater co-operation against the Cosa Nostra from other European Community countries, which will be vulnerable to the Mafia in a single European market. In September, the European Community's justice ministers met in London to form an ad hoc committee to fight the

In fear of a refugee flood

The Balkan conflict, not the

Maastricht treaty, is the

biggest worry facing the nation

within the European Community's exchange-rate mechanism in September, and its forced departure, heightened awareness in Italy of the price the country may have to pay in diminished sovereignty if it is to meet the EC's convergence targets. ever, the Balkan tragedy is more perturbing than the negative aspects of the Meastricht treaty, John

Phillips writes. Public concern over television footage of the shelling of Dubrovnik and other outrages led Italy to offer 1,200 troops for peacekeeping. The United Nations declined because of Italy's proximity, which was surely a relief for the defence

minister, Salvatore Andò. Italy has already paid a high price for its contribution to easing the Balkan

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conflict. A Yugoslav federal airforce MiG shot down a helicopter carrying EC observers (four Italian and one French) over Croatia on January 7. killing all five. On September 3, an Italian relief plane was shot down near

Sarajevo, and four crewmen. killed. Italy then suspended its aid flights to Sarajevo, but it will provide logistical support, such as fuelling and airport facilities, for

UN forces. Meanwhile, officials remember only too well the disorder that broke out when 18,000 Albanians arrived by ship last year at Bari, and fear that Croatia may try to send Bosnian Muslims to the Italian coast. Italy declared a state of emergency in May to deal with Bosnian refugees arriving by land in Trieste via Slovenia, but the influx there has been limited.

Albania continues to cause great concern. About 1.000 Italian troops are still engaged in a relief operation there with the aim of improving conditions and stemming the flow of

Italy now has as much influence over the country as it had in the early 1930s; diplomatic sources say. With the approval of the Tirana authorities, Italian navy ships prowl on close patrol off the Albanian coast in search of vessels carrying dandestine immigrants.

EC diplomacy is plain sailing by comparison. The alacrity with which ratifica-

The travails of the lira tion of the Maastricht treaty passed through parliament reflects the unquestioning support of most Italians for a United States of Europe of some kind.

Cynics say the prospect of government from Brussels attracts Italians because they despair at the quality of rule from Rome. Governsidered less corrupt and more efficient, but also perhaps more easily circumvented. Many Italian intellectuals also see Europe as an anchor against possible future attempts to revert to

authoritarian rule. Dissenting voices have nevertheless been raised over Maastricht. Carlo De Benedetti, the chairman of Olivetti, has said the treaty should be rewritten to take into account the present deflationary cycle in the world economy and the high cost of German reuni-

fication. Achille Occhetto, leader of the Democratic Party of the likes to see Left, formerly the Communist party, has also called for renegotiation and spoken imitations called the "diktats of Maas-tricht" pushing Thatcher the government

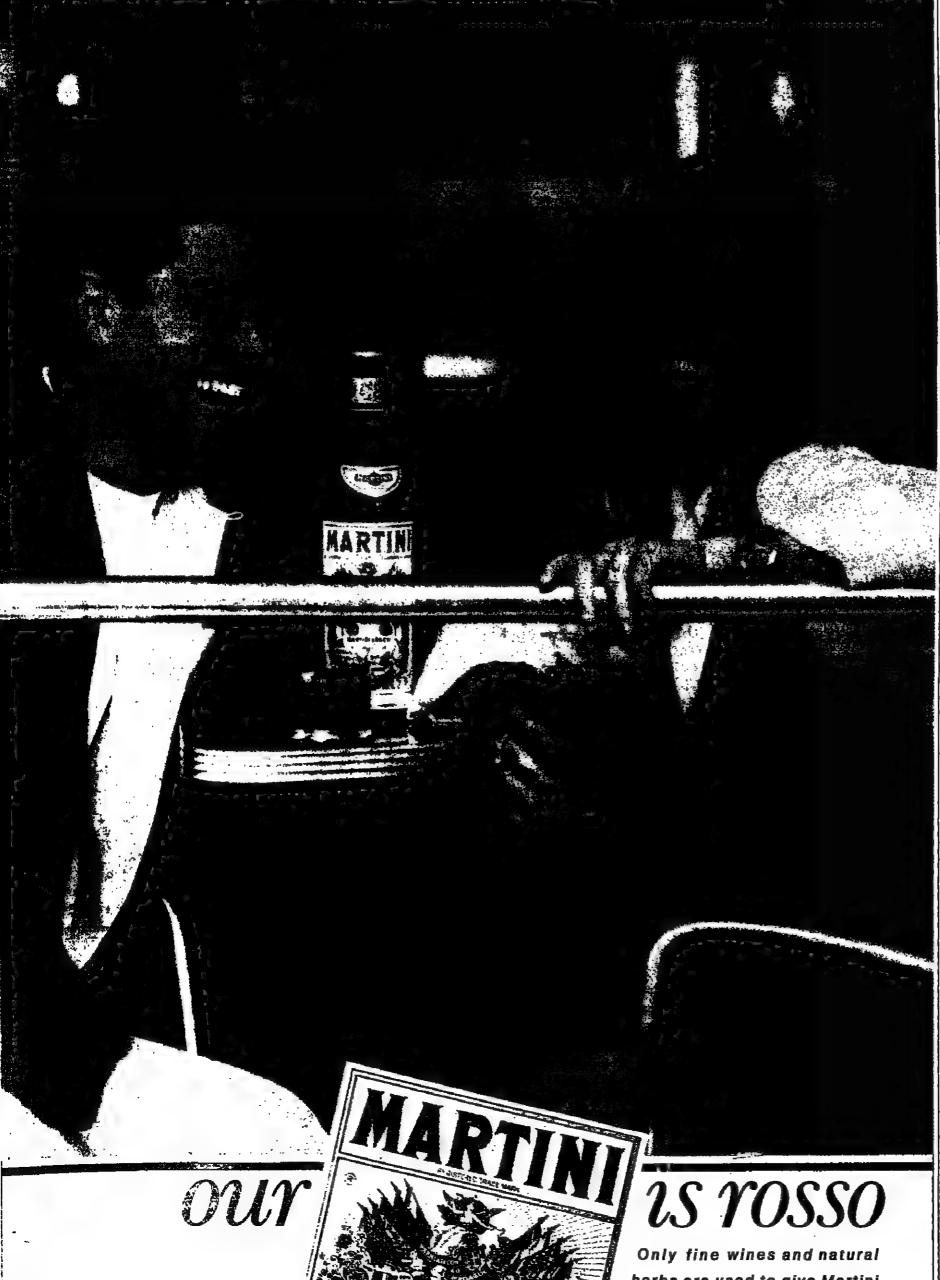
measures. the extent of the painful economic measures needed to meet EC convergence targets becomes clear, more Italians may decide that they would prefer to be in a "second division" of Europe that stops short of full monetary union.

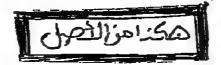
Commentators point out that the impact of a single European market on employment in inefficient industries such as banking and pharmaceuticals may be traumatic.

In the past, Italy was often a net beneficiary from EC funds through the agricultural policy and regional aid. It is likely to be a net contributor for the next seven years, and this may erode communautaire

There is little enthusiasm in Italy for the principle of subsidiarity, and concern has been publicly expressed over the delays to British ratification of Maastricht. Yet relations between Britain and Italy remain warm. Giuliano Amato has

quickly struck up a friendship with John Major, whom he has described as Europe's most simpatico leader. He particularly enjoys Mr Major's impersonations of Margaret Thatcher.





herbs are used to give Martini

Rosso its unmistakable taste.

There is cautious optimism that the Amato government is taking the right course, but industry is having to tighten its belt as a result

Now the cuts start to bite

he drastic steps being taken by the coalition government of Giuliano Amato to try to put the Italian economy back on to an even keel include spending cuts, particularly on pensions and health services, increased taxes virtually across the board and a renewed offensive against tax evasion.

In addition, the wage indexation system, the scala mobile, or moving staircase, which was one of the prime victories of the unions at the height of their power in the 1970s, has been practically abolished to keep inflation down and production costs on a par with Italy's international competitors.

The government is also planning sweeping privatisations of statecontrolled companies and financial

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per cent and forced out of the bottom of the European Community's exchange-rate mechanism (ERM). Subsequently on the free market it lost a further 20 per cent against the Deutschmark then gradually floated back to about 12 per cent below its pre-devaluation exchange rate.

The government has vowed that the lira will take its place again in the ERM by the end of this year. This will largely depend, however, on the effectiveness of radical economic measures, many of which are struggling for parliamentary

it will be six months or more before today what independent econothe lira can return to what remains mists and the analysts in the Bank The coalition's "economic manocuvre", as it is known in Italy,

has been generally applauded by Italian and other European analysts, but usually with the comment that it is only just enough at present and will soon have to be reinforced. Further spending cuts are thought necessary because tax pressure on Italians has reached almost Scandinavian levels, although public services and infrastructure most

certainly do not match those of the

northern countries. The Amato government is doing revolt by the unions and a col-

of Italy have been recommending for at least ten years. Past governments have been too weak to take the radical measures necessary.

n simple terms, Italy has lived beyond its means for many years, and only the international pressure of the Maastricht agreement, coupled with the threat that Italy could easily drop ignominiously out of the Europe of tomorrow, enabled the Amato government to take the necessary steps without provoking a mass

There is cautious optimism that the government has moved in the right direction. Crucial, permanem changes in the country's economic structure are being made, which will better equip Italy to compete. There is also, however, scepticism about whether the new tax increases will actually bring in all the expected revenue, and about how the huge and cumbersome appara-

economy can be quickly It is certain that 1993 will be a grim year for Italians, who will

tus of state involvement in the

3.7 per cent in the year to August 1992. Unemployment is rising steadily in industry, with signs that it will soon also affect the tertiary sector, including services, which accounts for about 60 per cent of the economy.

Virtually all the big Italian companies, from giants like Fiat and Olivetti to small but prestigious firms such as Maserati and Ferrari. are laying off employees. So far, they are being supported by the guarantees 80 per cent of wages for

self with a new army of unemployed poor, a potentially explosive political fuel. Even though the Bank of Italy lowered its discount rate last week, interest rates of 14-16 per cent do not help the eco-

nomy to invest and develop. Estimates of how long the crisis will last vary. Carlo Azeglio Ciampi. the governor of the Bank of Italy. has said that the next six months will be crucial, but that if wages and prices can be held down, a recovery

Gianni Agnelli, the president of Fiat, has spoken in terms of "holding our breath for a year and a half". Many economists think in terms of 18 months of two years. but also point out more optimistically that the current crisis is a golden opportunity to restructure the Italian system for the better.

PAUL BOMPARD

have to hope that 1994 will be Cost of borrowing is the main burden

fter the boom years of the 1980s, the global A the 1980s, the global recession is beginning to have a belated impact in Italy, and there is trepidation in industry at the prospects of pan-European competition and the privatisation of a highly indebted and often inefficient public sector. Employers are burdened by higher than ever taxes on

profits and a cost of borrowing that is now about 20 per cent for most businesses. The real cost of money has no precedent in Italy and no equivalent on the international scene," Confindustria, the employers' organisation.

The recession, coupled with the government's tough tax policy, has already been felt in the car sector. A Ferrari, once the ultimate success symbol for Italians, is no longer as desir-

able as it once was.

The enthusiasm of potential clients has been dampened by a new tax on luxury items and by the knowledge that the tax authorities use ownership as a gauge of presumed income. So the Ferrari management has decided to reduce production by 1,100 vehicles this year by temporarily laying off a

November and December. Flat, the biggest private sector company in Italy, is also cutting production. The car-

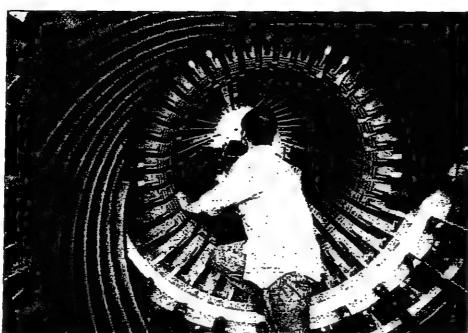
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maker announced it would be laying off 38,000 employees for two weeks in December so it could cut production by 1.000 vehicles. Profits have slumped this year as Fiat has been in a price war with European competitors to pro-tect its 44 per cent share of the Italian market.

The main threat, however, is likely to come from Japan. although it has only 3.3 per cent of the Italian car market. Japanese market penetration is restricted by a bilateral agreement dating from the 1950s, but when Europe becomes an entirely free market in 1999 that protection will cease and Fist will face a severe challenge, particularly in the small car market where it and Japan are strongest. To prepare for that day. Fiat is planning to invest £13 billion over a five-year period, during which it will unveil 18 new models

The downturn has also been felt in the petrochemicals sector, where Montedison has announced it will be pulling out of sports sponsorship to concentrate on its core activities. The company, part of the privately owned Ferruzzi agroindustrial group, recently agreed to set up a joint venture with Shell to produce plastics

The group is the largest private energy generator in



Industry's need to be competitive: a new turbine engine at an Ansaldo plant in Genoa

Italy. Carlo Sama, the manag-ing director, says it aims to boost electricity generation to 15 billion kilowatt bours, "more than the annual consumption of a country such as

The information technology sector is intensely competitive at the moment, with a colossus like IBM in trouble and Fujitsu announcing its first

losses for 40 years. Olivetti, which is Europe's largest manufacturer of personal computers, is also feeling the strain. Carlo De Benedetti, its chairman, took over direct management control of the company a

At the end of June Digital, the US giant, chose Olivetti as its strategic partner in Europe,

year ago to try to steer it out of

and took a £200 million stake in the company, probably the largest single investment in Italy this year.

For the past two years, the company has been working to cut costs as prices have fallen by 40 per cent, and it has already shed some 7,000 jobs. Olivetti now earns 60 per cent of its revenue from the manufacture of computer hardware

and 40 per cent from software and services. In future, it intends to concentrate increas-

The past 12 months have been particularly tough for the construction industry, with the recession, a decline in government spending and a massive corruption scandal. An investigation into the payment of lickbacks on public construc-tion contracts has led to the figures. Among those who have spent long periods in prison are Enzo Papi, the managing director of Cogefar-Impresit, the Fiat-owned construction company, and Salvatore Ligresti, the construction magnate based in Milan, who is one of the richest men in the

Ance, the national builders' association, expects a 1 per cent decline in building investment this year and a 3 percent shrinkage in 1993. Public works, set back by government spending cuts, are likely to be reduced by 7 per cent this year and 6 per cent the next.

"The corruption scandal has had a small influence, but the fundamental problem is the lack of funds," a spokesman said. The cost of money has reached unbearable levels. both for construction companies and home buyers."

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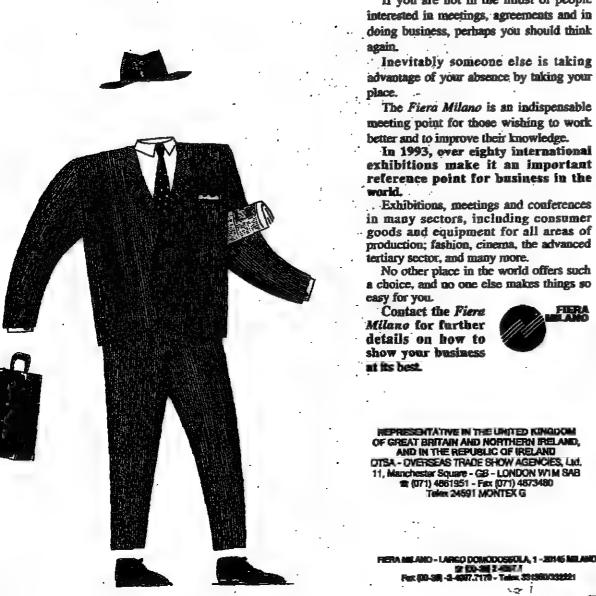
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retrospective exhibition at the Palazzo Strozzi in Florence this summer celebrated the birth of Italian fashion 40 years ago. A billiondollar industry was born out of the wreckage of defeat. Italy was then a Third World nation.

Yet within 15 years the Italians realised an economic miracle: today the clothing, textile and footwear industry represents the country's largest, in terms of turnover, employment and export earnings. The sector's exports amounted in 1990 to 11 per cent of the country's total exports, generating a credit balance of 18,400 billion lire (about £8.9 billion). The turnover of Italy's clothing industry comes only after those of the United States, Japan and Germany.

Italians do not associate fashion with frivolity. For them, it is of central importance for two reasons: considerable fortunes have been amassed on the backs of successful frocks, and Italian men care strongly about how their women dress. Their top designers - Armani, Valentino, Versace — are institutions whose names slip off the tongue of Italians with the same reverential admiration as those of Leonardo da Vinci or Gianni Agnelli.

Forty years ago, however, Italian ateliers simply copied Paris fash-ions. Toiles (patterns) were bought from the famous houses, such as Dior, and replicated because nobody dared to challenge the supremacy of France. Nobody, that is, until in 1952 Giovanni Battista Giorgini, a far-sighted Florentine entrepreneur, galvanised his compatriots by staging two fashion shows in Florence, the first in his

Industry born out of defeat

own house, the second in the Pitti

As a middleman selling Italian accessories to American department stores, Signor Giorgini had recognised the emergence of a new phenomenon there, the working woman. The over-priced, impossibly ornate styles emanating from Paris were irrelevant to her; she wanted modern, comfortable, youthful and, above all, affordable

He decided, therefore, to channel his fellow countrymen. He invited them to stop aping Parisian grandeur and start designing innovative, easy clothes. In asking them to display their designs at his fashion show he was asking them to take a huge risk, for by challenging French supremacy in the American market they were incurring Gallic wrath and risked being banned from buying toiles.

Nevertheless, Roberto Capucci,

Marchese Emilio Pucci, Simonetta, Fabiani and 14 other designers agreed to take part. They were encouraged by Signor Giorgini's white lie that he could guarantee the attendance of the top American press, as well as buyers from Bergdorf Goodman, I. Magnim, Saks and Nieman Marcus.

The wily Signor Giorgini then turned to the buyers, luring them to Florence with promises of grand dinners in historic palazzi and hobnobbing with the local aristocrats.

Jane Mulvagh explains how a war-wrecked nation set a fashion

agenda. Forty years on, that influence is as strong as ever







The Italian jacket: Giorgio Armani's softening of tailoring changed the modern way of dressing

He even arranged that the old dragons be carried up Renaissance stone staircases in sedan chairs borne by liveried footmen.

The Americans were seduced. They arrived, they bought and they broadcast the message of Italian style. They had never seen clothes like it: simple resort clothes such as Capri pants, loose boldly printed shirts, bodies (leotards), wraparound or diradl skirts and nonchos, all worn with bare brown legs

and flat Grecian sandals. Audrey Withers of British Vogue returned amazed: gentlewomen were wearing resort dothes and bare legs in the city's streets. Overnight, Parisian formality seemed dated. As one Italian newsreel reporter put it, "Let's forget cardboard clothing. Men

don't want to dance with women

wearing boxes any more" John B. Fairchild of Women's Wear Daily of New York recalls that Signor Giorgini took us all by the hand and led us to the new world of Italian fashion where men and women in dashing Italian clothes rode their Vespas clinging warmly to each other. How young they looked and how sexy they felt ... Italian fashion has always been more modern than French

Since then, the Italians have made three outstanding contribu-tions: they have industrialised the manufacture of high-quality designer clothes, Giorgio Armani has softened both women's and men's clothing and Luciano Benetton has built a fashion empire based on the new principles of decentralised production and sales.

The first of these was the most significant. It was a skill that derived from Naples, where small factories had made uniforms for both sides during the Napoleonic wars. The ruling Savoia family then moved the industry to Turin. its home town, in order to create jobs. It remains there in the form of GFT and Miroglio, the big industrial giants.

After the war, Italian labour was cheap, compared with much of Europe, and its entrepreneurial class exploited this. In the 1960s, these entrepreneurs introduced high technology and their sensitive and fast-responding aesthetics. Before then, it was impossible to buy high-quality, ready-to-wear design-er clothes; one either bought couture or patronised a local

Now huge corporations such as GFT, which had sales of 990 billion lire in 1987, Miroglio and

labels, but also French. American and British ones too. Because Italian labour rates are now on a par with the rest of Europe, many firms have set up factories, particularly for embroidery and piece work, in the Far East, New Delhi and Bangladesh, even though the finished garments may bear the prestige Made in Italy label.

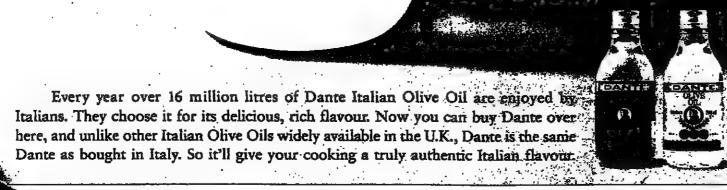
The second contribution was Armani's softening of tailoring. In the 1970s, he single-handedly changed the modern way of dressing, and his work has had a dramatic impact on everyday life internationally, making the jacket, for both sexes, the fulcrum of the modern wardrobe.

Finally, the Italians have pioneered what has become known in the trade as the "Benetton concept". Signor Benetton's vision was to decentralise both production and sales. Large though it is, the company employs only 1,500 people. It contracts out 80 per cent

of its output to 250 suppliers employing 25,000 workers.
In addition, Signor Benetion set up a string of franchised shops, which he supplied with very basic painteners. knitwear. Raw made-up jumpers were dyed in vast batches on the spot so he could react immediately to the market, because what mat ters is this week's colour.

The key to Italy's success, which the British may want to bear in mind, is the cooperation between high-fashion designers and big industry, support and investment by the government, and a confidence verging on arrogance. When did you last hear Italians talking

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Tagliatelle with mussels in garlic and parsley sauce

36 mussels; 3 tblsps Dante Olive Oil; ¼ medium sized onion, finely chopped; I clove garlic, chopped; 450g/IIb tin peeled tomatoes; I glass red wine: 2 thisps chopped parsley: salt and ground black pepper; 450g/I ib white tagliatelle; extra Dante Extra Virgin Olive Oil. Tagliatelle: Boil the water. Then a quality oil, add the tea-spoon of salt, and add a tablespoon of Dante Olive Oil. Boil the dried tagliatelle.

Sauce: Heat up the Dante Olive Oil. Add chopped garlic, and

add water, the mussels will cook Then: Drain pasta and add a few drops of Dante Extra Virgin Olive Oil and toss pasta. Add

and pepper/salt. This main course should be accompanied by a green salad and wine, and could be followed by figs, cut in quarters and accompanied by fromage frais.

sauce to mussels. Add paraley

Risotto

700 ml (1% pints) hot chicken stock infused with 5ml/1 level teasp saffron threads; 25g (loz) butter, 30ml (2 tblsps) Dante Extra Virgin Olive Oil; 2 cloves garlic, crushed; I large Spanish onion, chopped; 250g (8oz) risotto rice; 300ml (2 pint) dry white wine; 75g (3oz) freshly cheese to serve. Serves 4.

grated parmesan cheese.

Soak saffron in the hot chicken stock for about one hour. Strain and discard saffron

Virgin Olive Oil in a large saucepan. Add crushed garlic and chopped onion. Cook until soft. Add rice and stir, cooking over a low heat for two minutes. Add 300ml (% pint) chicken stock and cook gently stirring

dividuals to add extra parmesan

very often, until liquid is absorbed, then add another 300 ml (½ pint) of stock. Repeat as before then add 300ml (½ pint) white wine. When this has been absorbed add the remaining 100ml (% pint) stock and cook gently stirring until the rice is tender. Do not allow the mixture to become overdry. It is supposed to be creamy. Add the cheese, stirring to an even distribution. Add a generous knob of butter, stir and serve. Allow in-

The eastern gateway opens a little wider

Trieste is forging new links with Italy's neighbours

rieste provides Italy with a gateway to the countries of Eastern Europe. Today its port is at best ajar, but several of the city's institutions have seized the chance to forge new kinds of link, particularly in areas such as education and science.

The United World College of the Adriatic at Duino, a village along the coast to the west, has set out to cultivate relations with Eastern Europe, including Russia; and the Area science park in Trieste itself, which groups together a number of scientific institutions, is encouraging cooperation on industrial applications

The city is not entirely free of Balkan turbulence, however. The port of Trieste was hit by Yugoslavia's collapse, and Rome has put it under a government commissioner. The city's industry, too, is in decline, which some would

describe as terminal. And although incorporated into an Italian law, plans to graft an offshore financial centre for dealing with Eastern Europe on to the free port have not yet had clearance from the European Commission in Brussels. Giorgio Tombesi,

president of the chamber of commerce, still believes the project is not definitively blocked, and says that if finally approved, it will represent an enormous breakthrough". But on November 11, the Commission gave the Italian govern-

ment 30 days to answer charges that it would be in-compatible with the EC's competition policies. Trieste has a minority population of ethnic Slovenes, and is acutely sensitive to the changes taking place in Eastern Europe, particularly across the border in what used to be Yugoslavia. This in itself

causes tensions. The nationalist municipal administration shows less interest in the city's economic plight than in defending its Italian identity, or italianità, at the expense of the Slav minority. For example, the elected

Slovene representative on the city council is not allowed to speak in his own language, and Monsignor Lorenzo Bellomi, the bishop of Trieste, has spoken of "half-paralysed" local authorities. The town hall is influenced

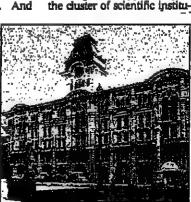
by a vociferous Italian refugee lobby, which was never reconciled to the loss of the Istrian and Dalmatian territories that helonged to Italy between the two world wars, and which still demands steps to recover them. Giulio Staffieri, the mayor, said this month that he "dreams" of moving Italy's frontiers eastwards. Movimento Sociale Italiano, the neo-fascist party, openly

None of this bitterness is in the air at the United World College of the Adriatic, one of eight such colleges under the patronage of the Prince of Wales. Duino is a Slovene-Italian village, and Corrado Belci, its president, an atypical refugee from Istria. The college, he says, has been given the task of cultivating relations with Eastern Europe. Of its 200 pupils, 47 are from the area, as are four members of the 22-strong permanent

teaching staff.

The UW colleges prepare students for the International Baccalaureate and university entrance, in October, the first 36 students from two Slovene schools received their diplomas. The college has also arranged for the Baccalaureate to be taught in two schools in Croatia, one in Hungary and two in Poland, Various proposals have been made for the founding of a UW college in Eastern Europe, but noth

ing has yet been decided. There is a similar sense of challenge and opportunity at



Trieste: the Piazza dell' Unità d'Italia

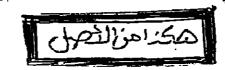
tions in the Area science park. All stem from the Internationles, founded in Trieste in 1964 by Abdus Salam, the Pakistani Nobel prizewinner, and priority was originally given to the less developed world. Emphasis is now placed increasingly

on Eastern Europe.
A synchroton light machine is due to start operating in the park next September, and Cosmos, a group of Russian scientists, has established a company in Trieste, with Swedish backing, to work with Area in industrial applications of the former Soviet space programme.

Professor Domenico Romeo, the president of Area, emphasises the importance of converting the results of research into productive activities by small high-tech companies, both in Italy and elsewhere. Area works with Trieste's Business Innovation Centre, which last year set up Services for Eastern European Development (Seed).

Antonio Sfiligoj, Seed's general manager, says aid has been given to a business innovation centre in Budapest. Various agreements have also been signed or are under discussion for help with business innovation or entrepreneurial development centres in Poland, the Czech lands, Croatia and Slovenia as well as for technological parks in Moscow and Novgorod, with ... World Bank financing.

JOHN EARLE



THE world of Italian olive oil has

changed, and for the better. To-

day, the discerning oil enthusiast

can choose from scores of "gour-

met oils", religiously bottled nec-tars that are labelled with the farm of origin and date of production

and sell for three or four times the

In Italy and beyond, more and

more people are paying as much

attention to their choice of olive oil

as to their wine. In many house-

holds, oil has become a crucial

regular ingredient and a status

of olive oil has held steady over the

past decade," explains Gabriella

Projetti, the oil expert at the Italian

Agricultural Federation, "but

"Overall production and export

price of cheaper olive oils.

Like wine, however, olive oil

cannot be reduced to simple

classifications. "In each region

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There is more to vinaigrette than meets the eye, Paul Bompard learns from a connoisseur of olive oils

The grove's a fine and pungent place

there has been a drop in medium-quality oil and an impressive

increase in the top products."

The undisputed high priest of Italian olive oil is Francesco Giusti, a tall Tuscan aged 59 with a majestic crown of white hair. At an oil-tasting convention in Rome recently he explained how oil should be tasted: "Pour about two fingers of oil in a large rounded glass. Move it around while warming the glass with the hands, and

breathe in deeply through the nose to capture the aroma.

Then put several drops on the tongue, snap the tongue back and forth sharply against the back of the front teeth and breathe in sharply through the mouth several times. This will liberate all of the oil's most secret fragrances."

Signor Giusti, who runs a restaurant on the Tuscan Riviera. has written books on olive oil, and has established criteria for grading, tasting and combining oil with food.

'As with wine, every dish requires a certain type of olive oil to enhance its flavour without overwhelming it," he explains, "Any serious restaurant with a wine list should also have an oil trolley with several varieties of top-quality olive oil. A delicately flavoured boiled fish, for instance, needs a light oil such as that from Liguria. On the other hand, certain salads, meats

vith a more aggressive flavour."

The only type of oil which need concern the aspiring connoisseur, Signor Giusti is quick to point out. is what is defined by Italian law as "extra virgin". This should be the first pressing of the olives in a traditional cold press, without artificial heat or chemicals to squeeze more oil out of the same quantity of olives.

Each of the Italian regions pro-

there are oils of completely different types and qualities," explains Signor Giusti. "You can find terrible oils in Umbria and excelduces certain types of oil, a result of the kinds of olive grown, the climate, and the traditions of production. Liguria generally produces a fairly thin, light yellow oil with a delicate taste. The southern regions like Calabria, Apulia and

Sicily usually make thicker, green-

ish oils with a strong and pungent

taste. Tuscany and Umbria, which

in broad terms are considered the

home of the best oils, produce

something in between.

lent oils in Calabria."
He adds: "A serious oil should always state clearly on the label that it is produced and bottled on the spot and made with local olives. And it should bear the date of production. Good clive oil must be drunk within a year of pressing. or two at most. After that it becomes gradually more rancid. Like wine, it should also be stored in the dark, because it is sensitive to light, and at a cool cellar temperature.

Heading for the hills

Janet Stobart visits two of the cradles of the Renaissance, isolated and unspoilt by time

throughout the country.

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Making the gradient: the Umbrian town of Spoleto

sation of modern Itatrast to the splendour of almost anything built during the previous 19 centuries. It is possible, however, to take an optimistic view, since so many remnants of Italy's Roman, medieval and Renaissance past are still visible and more or less well-preserved

with 20th-century bustle without compromising their medieval and Renaissance identity: Spoleto in the region of Umbria, the undulating land of shadows and light, and Urbino in the more remote hill country of the

Both have survived the ravages of urban progress. The dominant features of the view of Spoleto, for instance, are a huge Roman aqueduct and. beside it, the medieval Ponte delle Torri, or bridge of towers. The bridge appears to grow out of the Rocca Albornoz, a medieval fortress prison which became the seat of papal rulers after the 14th century. The fortress was recently restored with European Community funds, but the work has just stopped, along with the funds, leaving this majestic medieval

landmark two-thirds restored. Spoleto is a steep hilltop city with a wealth of Roman theatres and mosaics, narrow medieval streets, Romanesque church façades, and Renaissance fountains and piazzas. The jewel at the centre of this architectural treasure is the cathedral, standing in splendid isolation in a spacious piazza approached by wide steps leading down — rather than up — to its entrance.

.Its façade, with its rosewindow and pillared portico, needs restoration and deanrestorers from Tecni.re.co., the local Umbrian co-operative, has brought out the vivid humanity in the 15th-century frescos of the life of the Virgin by Fra Filippo Lippi. The cathedral also has later works by

Pinturicchio and Bernini. Spoleto is one of the first beneficiaries of a conservation programme funded both by the state and by a private company. In 1972 Mobil Oil took the lead in demonstrating the concern of Italian business

The unbridled urbani- for the preservation of the transformed Urbino in the country's overwhelming artistic parrimony by paying for the restoration of the deconsecrated Romanesoue church of San Lorenzo and turning it into a concert hall, the Sala Pegasus,

with 1,700 seats. Mobil has also become one of the main sponsors of Spol-eio's midsummer arts festival, which has attracted international performers and speciators over the past 20 years. The company is by now almost an integral part of the city's life, having restored much of the city's architecture, of all periods. In collaboration with the regional superintendency of the fine arts (which provides the restorers), Mobil has funded work ranging from clean-ing Renaissance fountains to

The essence of Spoleto and Urbino has survived the ravages of urban progress

restoring Roman city gates and portals.

Mobil itself has dwindled in size, having been taken over by Kuwait Oil, but it is maintaining its commitment to Spoleto and to the restoration of art treasures elsewhere in Italy. Its latest project in Spoleto is a large Roman house complex that is now being excavated beneath the Renaissance town hall. Partially uncovered and open to the public, the house has magnificent relaid mosaic floors, and is said to have been the residence in the 1st century of Vespasia Polla, mother of

rbino, an Apennine hilltop city, is northeast of Spoleto, within 20 miles of the Adriatic coast. A visit to it is little short of full immersion in the Renaissance. This city of many walls was first a Roman and then a medieval fortress town, until in the 12th century it came under the rule of the enlightened ducal family of Montefeltro. Federico da Montefeitro, in particular,

mid 15th century into a classical Renaissance city pulsating with debate on art and science

Raphael was born and did his early work in Urbino in the later part of the century, and artist and theorist of mathematical perspective, was also active here. The city continued to be a centre of Renaissance life and culture in the 16th century, under the rule of the

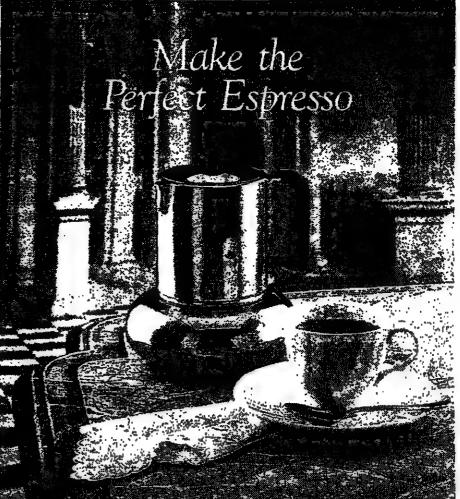
Della Rovere family.
Urbino's dimensions and buildings are those of an almost unchanged mid-Renaissance city, says Michele Felici, a geologist and surveyor for the city council, whose first concern is to keep it that way, The palazzo ducale, the ducal residence which towers over the rest of the town's Renaissance rooftops, is an outstanding example of 15th-century

It has a small, but remarkable art collection, which includes La Muta by Raphael and The Flagellation of Christ by Piero della Francesca. Duke Federico's study is a masterpiece of 15th-century inlaid wood panelling, which gives a delightful panorama of trompe l'oeil scenes, while the study windows have views of dawn and sunset.

However, time and erosion have taken their toll in Urbino, too. The city walls are more than just old-world defence systems on view to modern visitors. They are also supports for the city itself and for the access roads that wind up the steep hillside. There are Roman walls, medieval walls and Renaissance walls, the last dating back to at least 1500.

This summer, bad weather 20th-century traffic caused the collapse of about 15 yards of Renaissance wall, resulting in the closure of an important access road to the part of our city's life," Signor Felici points out. Their collapse is a threat to the buildings they support, including the convent of Santa Chiara. now partially restored but in need of more work.

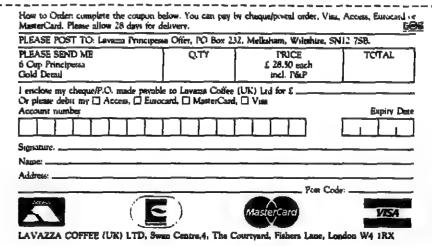
As the alarm went out for help to hold up Urbino's city walls, offers came in from private sponsors, but there is no definite proposal afoot for the maintenance of one of unspoilt Renaissance jewels.

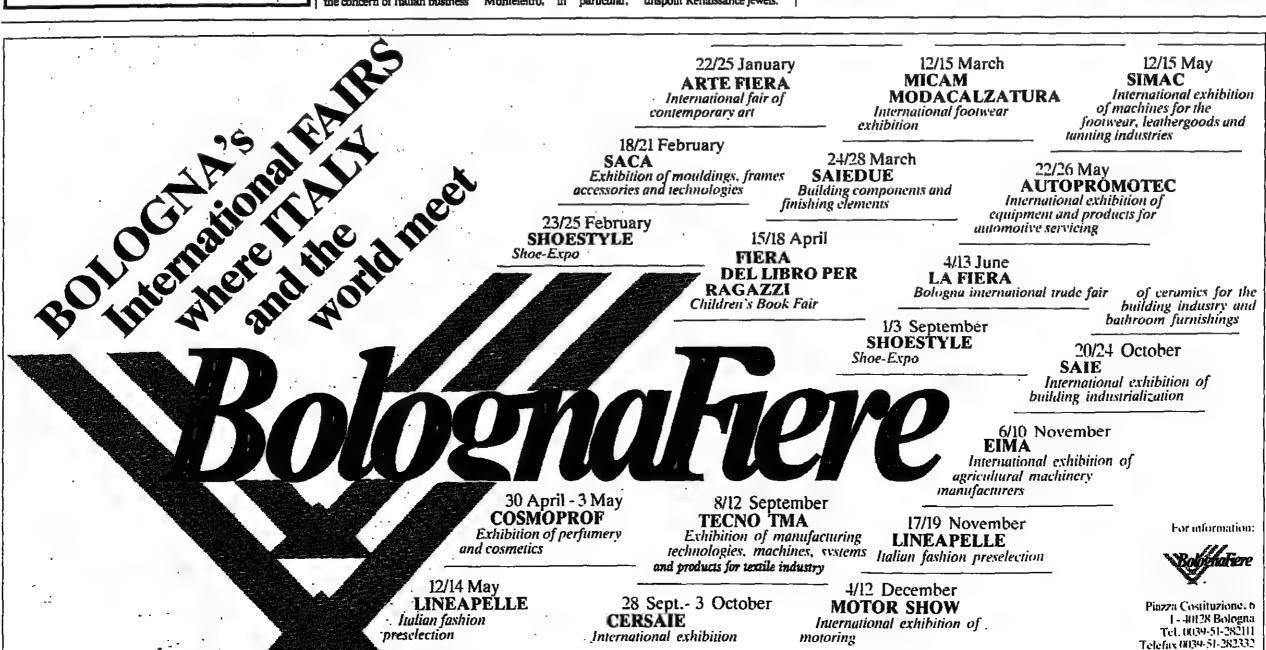


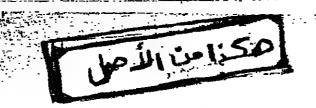
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How green is your report?

By Anthony Carey

THE government the CBI. the Hundred Group of finance directors and the ICAEW's environment research group have all urged companies to make information available on their environmental performance. Some may dismiss this as a fad, but it is likely to bring permanent changes in finan-

cial reporting.

Pressure is being put on companies through regula-tion, in particular the Environmental Protection Act 1990. and from customers, shareholders, employees and lenders. Survey evidence shows a limited response to demands for better reporting of environmental issues.

There are some signs of improvement, however. The largest companies now usually include some information on environmental issues as part of their annual reporting. A few provide a separate, detailed environmental review.

The institute's research group has recommended that companies should report formally in their annual report or in an associated environmental report on:

☐ Environmental policy; ☐ The identity of the director with overall responsibility for environmental issues; ☐ Environmental objectives. expressed in a way that en-

ables performance against them to be measured: ☐ Information on actions tak-

en, including cost:

The key impacts of the business on the environment and, if practicable, related performance measures:

The effect of compliance with regulations and any in-

☐ Significant environmental risks not required to be disclosed as contingent liabilities;

Key features of external audit reports on the enter-prise's environmental record. The Hundred Group has

pointed out that objectives should be able to lead to measurable improvements in the environment rather than remaining as vague expressions of good intent. They should also commit the company to positive actions.

Having produced a policy statement, the next step is to present relevant information on the progress of the company towards its objectives. Specific information describes action taken or results obtained in pursuit of environmental objectives. It has the merit of being potentially au-ditable and includes details of organisational arrangements develop environmental awareness, specific projects undertaken, hazards arising from the company's activities and external recognition of

good performance.

for example, cover levels of noxious emissions and effluent discharges, energy con-sumption, noise levels and waste production and recycling information. Such disclosures have been largely absent in UK corporate reporting until now, but could enable users to assess performance over time and to make comparisons between companies. That depends, however, on companies reporting on comparable basis, which, alas, occurs infrequently.

Data on performance could.

Financial information might include details of environmental spending. To be meaningful, the type of spend-

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ing needs to be explained and whether it is capital or revenue. Most would not view the cost of cleaning up spillages, for instance, in the same light as spending on planned im-provements. Disclosure of provisions for future expenditure and of contingent liabilities may be required under existing accounting requirements. A report dealing with com-

pliance with specified standards would normally embrace current and prospective legal requirements, such as those resulting from enacted or proposed EC directives, industry standards and corporate standards where these are more demanding. There has been little compliance report-ing in the UK but this may be changed by the EC's proposed eco-audit scheme. References to independent audits of internal environmental reviews are also likely to increase if this scheme is approved.

Companies should seek to develop a dialogue with their own stakeholders on their information needs.

Above all, they should expect to have to provide a "true and fair" picture of their overall environmental performance.

The author, who is giving a personal view, is head of international accounting at the ICAEW.



Environmental impact: firms urged to detail pollution

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ters of KPMG Peat Marwick have, it seems, become concerned over the practice of issuing free sandwiches to staff in the canteens at Puddle Dock and nearby Salisbury Square. Hungry employees, many of whom are sent down by partners and colleagues with orders for several sandwiches at a time, are now required to fill out the names of all the people for whom the snacks are destined before leaving the check-outs. Irritat-

for the City next month, by Cameron Markby Hewitt, the City lawyer, and Touche Ross. Details: 071 702 2345.

OVERHEARD at KPMG: A lawyer, an accountant and an actuary are discussing the merits of having a wife or a mistress. The lawyer: "Always a mistress, that way you can't be sued for alimony." The acc-ountant: "Always a wife, much more tax efficient." The actuary: "Both. That way you can tell your mistress you're with your wife, the wife you're with the mistress, and spend more time at the office."

Crunching tackle by the Scots on service

HOW unusual to find one of the accountancy bodies official magazines holding up a critical mirror to at least half its institute's membership. The editorial in the latest issue of CA magazine, the Scots institute journal. begins: "No other area of professional services has got itself into such a downward spiral of falling prices and failing respect for what it does for those prices as the accountancy profession - and it's all unnecessary."

The basis for this critique is a survey that it carried out in conjunction with Capital House, the investment management com-pany. This looked at what clients thought of the service they received from their auditors and, more important, whether the marketing concerns and efforts of the audit firms bore any resemblance to what the dients wanted. The answer, you will not be surprised to hear, was a resounding "not really". For years now

the great audit firms have pushed their brightest and best into non-audit services. The action and the fees were in consultancy, corporate finance, strategy, human re-sources and many another add-on service. For accountants this is sexy stuff. The crushing admission at social gatherings that you made a living from being an auditor could now be avoided. Even those still doing audit found ways of inventing fancy names for a basic and useful But downgrading, as CA magazine correctly points out, was inescapable. For all the fancy

jargon and brand names

attached to a basic audit service, the reality has been that firms have found that of all their areas of operation it was the easiest place to chop costs. staff and services. The argument used to justify this has been that technology, effici-ency, resource allocation and other nebulous concepts meant that audits could take a shorter time, use fewer staff and hours and

cost a lot less. Indeed, so great has the cost-cutting been that next month the profession is finally likely to approve recommendations from its joint ethics committee to curb the practice of lowballing, whereby the firms charge a ludicrously uneconomic fee in the hope that they can sell other high-value services to the client. The firm's attitude has been one of, to quote another crunching tackle from the CA magazine editorial: "We don't care that this is an area of major corporate, indeed public concern, this is an unglamorous and ponderous item that can be chopped, boxed in and haggled over - now, can we sell you a computer consultancy project?

. The survey suggests that the auditing profession has got it all wrong. What clients appear to want is partner contact, advice and a good useful service. What the profession thinks they want is a cheap statutory service

that won't get in their way too much. When the Scottish business community was asked to rate the importance of the factors by which they would assess auditors, they put regular contact with a partner way out in front. This was closely followed by experience of client's business sector and a capacity to offer advice in a wide range of areas. The lowest competitive price trailed in last. It also led the rankings of factors deemed not at all important. So much for the struggles firms have had to pare costs and undercut each

other, it also adds strength to what you hear from finance directors who have been through the process of putting their audit out to tender. Often the hardest part is telling the good and trusted partners of the runners-up that they haven't got

The easiest way around this is to tell a little white lie. In such circumstances, finance directors are tending to say that the fee was too high. It is much easier than getting into a complex argument over the quality of service. But the result is that accountancy firms enone-ously believe that cost is the main factor in their failure to get the business. What the

firms really need to attend to is the trend. revealed in the sector of the survey dealing with perceived changes in standards of service offered by accountancy firms. Here only 17 per cent thought service had "changed for the better", 26 per cent thought it had "changed for the worse" and a depressing 56 per cent could perceive "no change" at all. After the marketing effort that firms threw into this area to dress up its mutton as lamb through the boom years, this must come as a blow.

Nor is it likely to be the last. Next week sees the publication of the long-awaited report from within the Auditing Practices Board on the state of audit. Rumour has it that the profession is unlikely to turn cartwheels in the street on reading its findings.

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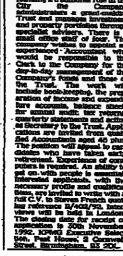
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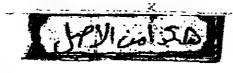
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Roald Dahl's Little Red Riding Hood takes to the woods with a full symphony orchestra



CINEMA: Geoff Brown reviews Single White Female, Sister Act, Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me, Rapid Fire and Tetsuo II: Bodyhammer

Sharing can be very bad for your health

Single White Female at the Odeon Leicester Square. 18 Sister Act at the Odeon West End, PG Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me at the Lumiere, 18 Rapid Fire at the MGM Haymarket, 18 Tetsuo II: Bodyhammer at the ICA Cinema

t one time the Ansonia residential hotel on New York's Upper West Side housed the likes of Stravinsky. Toscanini. Ziegfeld and Theodore Dreiser, Musicians loved the silence its thick walls bestowed. But now, for the purposes of the plot of Single White Female this turn-of-the-century pile is depicted as a grandiose but seedy apartment building, open to Hollywood's psychopaths. Residents get stabbed and bludgeoned. Sound carries horribly through the heating ducts. Rats occupy the basement.

For at least half its running time, Barbet Schroeder's psychological thriller puts scarcely a foot wrong. Bridget Fonda's software expert Allie needs a room-mate. She advertises, and decides on Hedra (Jennifer Jason Leigh), a shy girl new to the city. Their relations begin amicably; then Hedra, traumatised by a twin sister's death. gradually worms her way inside Allie's life. She obstructs the rekindling of a love affair. She becomes Allie's mirror image, borrowing clothes and mimicking her red, close-cropped hair. Instead of someone quiet to share the rent, Allie hooks a crackpot deluxe.

At first, Schroeder uses the same probing style that proved so devastating in Reversal of Fortune. He spends time prowling the Ansonia's corridors, quietly pitting character against setting, savouring the menace in an overhead fan or an apartment's imprisoning shadows. He gives his actors space to breathe, and build their roles through the accretion of tiny details. Fonda and Leigh play excellently together.

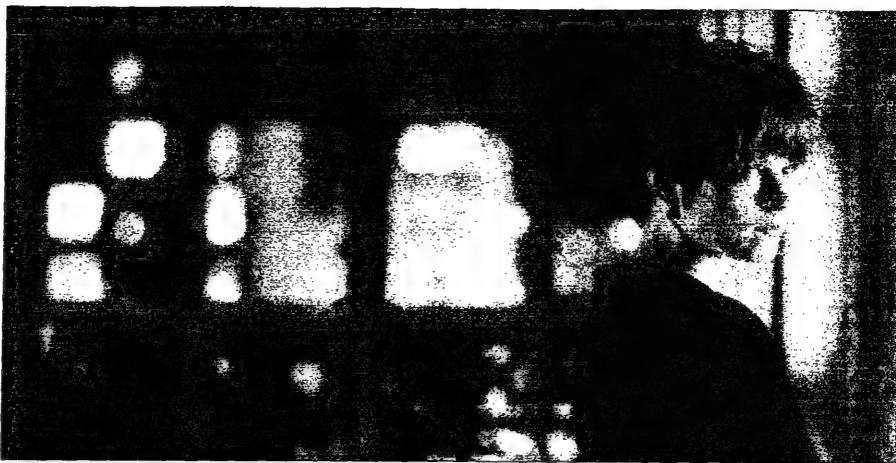
Then disaster strikes. The film turches into Hollywood overdrive, as though everyone suddenly realised a mainstream audience was sitting, fractious, waiting for the shocks and gore. Schroeder makes

ample amends, as Scorsese did in Cape Fear and Jonathan Demme in The Silence of the Lambs. We get death by high-heeled shoe. much chasing, and a tedious finale in the basement, usefully equipped with a furnace and a cupboard of sharp-edged tools. It is saddening to see a fine film-maker courting the crowds by trashing his talent.

Sister Act woos the crowds too, not with violence but a chorus of nuns, rocking and rolling to doctored hits from the Sixties. Mary Wells's "My Guy" becomes "My God"; while "I Will Follow Him" takes on new religious meaning. There stands Whoopi Goldberg, as a Reno lounge singer hiding out in a San Francisco convent after witnessing a mob killing. The Mother Superior, Maggie Smith. frowns with distaste in her pew. But then she never wished to give Whoopi sanctuary in the first place. "Absolutely not," she intoned in her voice, "I couldn't

Before Sister Act got into its stride, this was rather my reaction. Me, like this film? I couldn't possibly. You can spot the cliches lining up: the fat. jolly nun who proves she can shake, rattle and roll with the best, the grimacing sourpuss: the frightened mouse in need of liberation. Bah, humbug! And besides. Emile Ardolino directed the lamentable Three Men and a

He is still not the world's best: he fumbles over the beginning and occasionally lets Goldberg run riot. Yet there is something so warmhearted about the concoction that scruples must be pocketed. Like Strictly Ballroom this is feel-good cinema, set in a world where good triumphs, humans fulfil their potential, and nastiness is sanitised. For Harvey Keitel and the other hoods are strictly cartoon creations,



A woman in peril in New York: Bridget Fonda plays the unsuspecting Allie, who advertises for a room-mate, in Barbet Schroeder's Single White Female

and when gun meets wimple, no-one is able to pull the trigger.

Though Goldberg can push too hard, she brings zest and soul to the role of Deloris, the rough-edged warbler who reluctantly exchanges fur and glitter for a nun's habit. Maggie Smith shapes every line with her usual finesse: while Kathy Najimy cuts through the cliches to make her fat, bubbly Sister a genuinely endearing figure. Sister Act, modestly budgeted, has been this summer's most profitable costlier ventures such as Batman Returns or Lethal Weapon 3. Think small, think sweet, and you

David Lynch has never yet aimed at, or won over, the crowds. Even with Twin Peaks, the numbers who kept the faith and stayed with the cult television series to the final episode were exceeded by those who gave up. exasperated. Twin Peaks: Fire Walk With Me is the movie prequel, and in its gruelling. enigmatic way bids fair to alienate

all comers. Fans expecting a stylistic reprise of the small-town saga of murder. lust and psychic phenomena will friendly territory. As for those who never cared who killed Laura Palmer, the promiscuous high school queen played by Sheryl Lee. they will be intrigued, then baffled. then bored.

vnch's narrative concern is the last seven days in Laura's life. No linear plot suffices: the director proceeds, jumping-jack fashion, via a 35-minute prologue (the film's best part), jolning visions and bizarre encounters in a red-curtained limbo. where a dwarfish man talks backwards and Kyle MacLachlan's FBI agent floats in mid-air. If the series seemed an amusing dream, Fire Walk With Me is a laborious

Brandon Lee is the Americanborn son of martial arts legend Bruce Lee. His fists and feet lay waste thugs galore and bring down ceilings. His body is beautifully sculptured, a work of art - which cannot be said of Rapid Fire, the film he stars in. Lee plays a pacifist Los Angeles student witness to a mob killing. Since he can hardly join Whoopi Goldberg's nuns. he takes cover with police protection. Soon shot at, he swallows his ideals and mops up the baddies with Powers Boothe, a cynical cop-wearing Clint Eastwood's stubble. Dwight H. Linie's film dishes up its hokum with a slapdash vigour that may satisfy the genre's more undemanding fans, though some of the blood looks like strawberry jam.

if you prefer the cyberpuni. brand of violence, how about Teisuo II: Bodyhammer? The hero of Shinya Tsukamoto's Japanese monstrosity begins wearing glasses and muttering "Excuse me". The ... once skinheads kidnap his son. mutations occur. An arm becomes a gun: more hardware sprouts from his chest. By the end, he is a jangling lump of metal, granite and writhing tentacles. The sound-track, meanwhile, dwindles to two sounds: gunfire, and "Assagh!". Tsukamoto hurls the images at the screen, using intense close-ups and a lunching camera that gives the audience no relief. There is always

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autobiography. Indirect Then come the tributes, likely to be soliloquies of some elegance in the hands of theatre critics Michael Billington and John Peter, and directors Pinter and Hall. The currain goes up at noon, in the

> Covent Garden. THERE is always room for debate about what consti-tutes the best of British art. But the latest enterprise of the British Council, the body which promotes Britain's culture abroad, has raised eyebrows. It has sent a production of Anthony Burgess's grim novel of future degra-

"actor's church": St Paul's.

Square. Maria Friedman is to

sing a song from Irma La

ARTS BRIEFING

dation, A Clockwork Orange. on a tour of Turkey. A Scottish theatre company, TAG, is in Istanbul and Ankara this week. Eunice Crook, director of the British Council in Glasgow, expresses herself delighted that we are able to offer audiences in Turkey the rare opportunity to see this sensitive production". The novel's various adaptations to date have not proved unduly successful: Burgess disap-proved of the Kubrick film. and a Royal Shakespeare Company "musical" version was not acclaimed.

Honour for Andy ANDY HAMILTON, the Jamaican-born saxophonist who



Sir Harold Hobson: many friends at his memorial

made his recording debut last year at the modest age of 73, is to be awarded an honorary MA by Birmingham University. Hamilton has lived in the city for 40 years, earning a living in a factory by day and playing his distinctive brand Caribbean jazz by night. he citation also highlights Hamilton's work as an educator and with his multiracial workshop big band. The Blue Pearls.

Last chance . . .

A PLAY where actors play actors rehearsing a play can be the basis for anything from tragedy (Pirandello) to farce (Frayn). Alice Childress uses this device in Trouble in Mind to prick the complacency of the way white folks look at black folks. Black actors dutifully learn their black-mammy stereotype lines for a new Broadway play until one of them, the marvellous Carmen Munroe. rebels and delivers a blistering parody of all her past gushin' and grievin' roles. Childress wrote the play in 1957; how it took so long to reach here is a mystery. But Nicolas Kent rediscovered it for the Tricycle Theatre and gives it a sizzling production. The run ends on Saturday (071-328 1000).

NØRTH **SCANDINAVIAN** CINEMA 1916 - 92 BERGMAN'S CLASSIC SMILES OF A SUMMER NIGHT. STARTS FRI 20 NOV

TELEVISION REVIEW: Peter Barnard on a new drama by the author of Bad Girl

ice Town is a new town, by Docklands out of Milion Keynes. and are mock this and neo that Georgian. Tudor, that sort of thing. Even the double glazing is probably mock-leaded light. And quite right too, for this kind of living is

piece of work, subder than his easily mocked but less easily Into Nice Town comes New

Man, back from 15 years in Australia but right-on for all that. He is trailing a black wife and a child and a set of attitudes that would put the Lib Dems in Downing Street. The wife goes out to work and New Man stays at home. He brings up baby, to the slow-burn irritation of his wife: "Why don't you go out and get a job?" She's been abroad, so hasn't heard of Norman

Nearby live New Man's brother, whose sperm count is not all it might be, and the brother's wife, whose maternity instinct is in overdrive. New Man once had a fling with the brother's wife so of course he

I expect it was at this point in Nice Town, a three-parter by Guy Hibbert which began on BBC 2 last night, that the ratings recorded a blip when maiden aunts and others switched off the television in favour of the kettle, real steam being so much safer than the

figurative kind. Or did they do so when New Man, beautifully played by Paul McGann, chose as the initial receptable for his donated sperm a Thomas the Tank Engine ashuray? Either way. maiden auntie missed a treat. for even if the Radio Times description ("dark comedy") is not quite right, this is very funny, or perhaps I mean very nuy. drama.

Naturally the piece is heavy with meaning, in a flip sort of way. There is New Man's decision to let a couple of neighbouring teenagers have the spare room for further education, only for the 15year-old girl to become preg-nant. New Man ('but I left them condoms!") ends up under police investigation as an accessory to procuring sex with an under-age girl. No wonder he looks bemused: for this you can go so jail. for giving your sister-in-law a child via a Thomas the Tank

Not too naughty

and a glass of champagne. A funny old world? The blessed Margaret said it there. Hibbert's script is a lovely

Bad Girl but just as deft of phrasing. And observation: his fiction of a "neighbourhood morality watch" is surely only just ahead of fact, though to make the leading local

moralist the father of the promiscuous girl was a tad too Not that it mattered. On a

ber, this kind of drama is enough to give the genre a good name. Which, at the BBC these days, it badly



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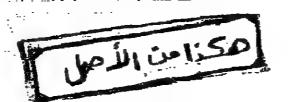
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ROYAL BALLET: The COMDENY performs MacMillan's production of Mayering, an emotionally charged ballet on the last tragic years of Crown Prince Rudolf of Austra-Hungary. Tonight's doctined lovers are played by Michael Nunn and Gillian Rove. Royal Opera House, Covert Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), 7 30pm.

ARTS MART: This new event offers and the whole family" and tures the punters in with such sidelines as beauclas calebrations in the Paris observations in a raise style Antist Charter. Among the artworks are stills from ammated carbons and, if Nicholas Treadwell's space, a round-up of recent work in a variety of media including two monumental byures by the gitted British so later Makindin Promets. Sculptor Malcolm Poynter
Street, N1 (071-359 3535) Today, 10am Sprn, tomorrow, Sat, 10am-6pm, Sun,

DARTISTS AND ADMIRERS

Ostrovsky's sharp, aflectionate picture of a theatrical antitul in Russia circa 1880 .

Lovely performances by, among others, Sylvestra le Touzel and Philip Voss The Pit, Barbican Centre, Sal Street,

EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, 7.15pm.

ASSASSINS: Sondhern's sharp and successful musical explores the

impulse that drives no-hopers to hill

CI DRATH AND THE MARDEN AND

drama on the longing for revenge Penny Downie, Danny Webb and Hugh

EUT FORMS IN THE FAMILY: Lates in

WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fn, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mata Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 8.30pm.

Carteret, Harmah Gordon and Martin Shaw in Wilde's "insider dealing" metodrama. Some dated assumptions

but stylishly done, Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mate Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 166mms

CI JUNE MOON: Naive songwher conquers Tin Pan Aley Delightful comedy by Ring Landner and George & Kaufman. Excellent cast led by Adi

Godey and Frank Lazarus, Yaudaville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Sat, 7 45pm, mat Sat, 3pm 100mins

I KIES OF THE SPIDER WOMAN

Rivera makes a striking vamp Shaftesbury, Stratiesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399) Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Wed. Sat, 3pm, 160mins

ELLOST IN YONKERS: Tembe performance by Rosemary Harms in a Net Smon cornedy more weighty than usual. Maureen Lipman gives good water as a loopy sure.

NEW RELEASES

Tremendously glossy production of the kander & Ebb musical it coarsens the values of Manuel Purg's novel but Critis

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e of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertaknment compiled by Kari Knight

Kenny Baker, tenor saxophonist Tommy Whittle and singer Sheka Southern for another big band tribuit Barbican, Silk Screet, EC2 (071-638

ERIC GILL. The first to concentrate on Gill's major sculptures, this show nts him as one of the most brilliant of all stone-carvers. The works combining entire and religious.

elements are wonderfully cheery; there is osenients are wondermay caleary, may no sense of goal or even moongrapy here to mar enjoyment of them Barthican Art Galliery, Sik Street EC2 (071-638 4141), Mon. Wed, Sat 10am-6.45pm, Tues 10am-5.45pm, Sun, maiday-6.45pm, until Feb 7

REGIONAL BRIGHTOR: A bracon for ferrings of the prevaking gloom of the 18th century. Angelica Kauffman was born in Bredenz in 1741, and came to England aregers in 1741, and came to Engand at the age of 25, working here until 1781. A founder member of the Royal Academy, she was one of only two women admitted before 1922, and showed a vanety of mythological and festorical paratings. Now the fit remembered cheful for her decorative work, but this show makersees the work, but this show makersees the work, but this show redresses the

THEATRE GUIDE

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I MAKING IT BETTER LUK treachery and ambition revealed as an English couple harbour two Czechoslosakan exiles, Jame Ashin heads an exceptional gast in James

OUR SONE: Pour O'Took in Kinth use's play about a menopa male s intatuation with a young woman. Neatly done though we only heer the man's point of view Apollo, Shallesbury Avenue, W1 (071 494 5070) Mon-Fis, 6.15pm, Set, 6pm and 8.45pm. 135mins.

D PYGMALION: Alan Howers, ces Butter in a Howard Daves production that some admire greatly while others leef subordinates the taid to a dever design National (Otivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-528 2252) Tonight-Sat, 7,15pm, mai Sat, 2pm, 196mms.

RADIO TIMES: Tony Statiety in a

III THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Alson Steadman and Jane Horrodes at Jim Cartwright's play about a sty gri escaping her raucous mother. Ingenous but noredible Ingerous but incredible Afdwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 8404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm,

Brighton Museum and Art Gallery. Church Street (0273 713202) Mon-Tues. Thurs-Sal. 10am-5 45pm, Sun. 2-5pm, umbi Jan 3.

Contemporary Music Postivel, one of Sman's most consistently exciting and accessible new music leativals, opens this week. Today musicians from the University of Huddersfield join violinist Alexander Balanescu performing the UK premieres of Klaus Huber's Tempora St Paul's Hall (Festivel Box Office

LEEDS: A Working Women adopted from Zola's L'Assommair by the team that made a West End success of Nana. The downless of a laundress, set against a world of waitzes, quadrilles agains a music or massass, approximate and the can-can.

Countyard Theestre, West Yorkshire Playhouse (0532 442111). Mon-Sat. 7 45pm, mass Sat. 4pm, Until Dec 5.

conducts the Hallé in Walton's Capaccio burlesco, Britten's Piano Concerto (with Jean Louis Steuerm soloist) and Hoist's The Planets. In the Halfé Choir. Man tre mans trade. Pear Trade Hall, Peler Street, (00) NORTHAMPTORE Adam Fischer NON-Tribular Fore Again Figures conducts a programme of Koddly (Peacock Variations). Liszt (Second Peac Concern, with Desso Bankl) and Dwoldk's Seventh Symphony. Derugate Theatre, 19/21 Guildhall Road (0004 24811), 7,30pm.

Seats at all prices

Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800) Mon-Sat, 7 30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 160mins.

Saunders's play Criterion, Ficcadilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488), Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm;

mats Tues, 3pm, Set, 5.30pm.

In top down Memory Lane, set in warting Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Noel Gay numbers. Cheen's, Snafesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494-5040), Mon-Fri, 7-30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Thurn, 2-30pm, Sat, 4-30pm IStmass.

THE STREET OF CHOCODILES: Thidbre de Complicité presents the nightmare world of Bruno Schutz. Amazing effects, bewildering storyline

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FIELD: Hamet Water perfect again in
revised of this subtle, come state-ofthe-nation play, set in a world of shifting
values and plummeting an-prices.

Royal Court, Stoame Square, SW1
(071-730 1745) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat 8at,
4pm, 150mins.

I THE TWO CENTLEMEN OF VERONA: David Thacker's waying revisal, Thrities style, both comic and romantic, delightully acted. Barblown, Silk Street, EC2 (071-838 8891) Tonght, 7.15pm. 150mins. DI WEXFORD TRILOGY: A revival of Bity Roche's calebrated chronicle of small-town kie. This week Bettry, a

grana-rown last. In its veet berry, a gentie sacresian Isilia in love with enother man's wells. Busis, Shepherde Busin Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Preview lonight, opens tomorrow, 7pm. Sat. 8pm.

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+ LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18). Leos Carax's hymnito Pens and a punk burn's love for a young artist going blind. Terrific in spurts, and a real movie movie Metro (071-437 0757) Ranoir (071-837

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OF SHICKBEY OF SHIPPINGS (15)-

Real-estate salesmen fight for their lives Energetic version of David Marnet's play, though Jack Lammon goes over the top. Co-staming Al Pacino, Ed Horns, director, James Poley Octeon Haymarket (0426 915353). HUSBARRIS AND WIVES (15]: Woody

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mercha MEN (16) Two brothers search for their activist father. Hell hardey's patented brand of oddbell philosophishing and brusque action; slider but less letching then before. With Robert Burle, William Bage, Karan Sitas, Eina Liwersohn. Chelese (071-361 97498446 onics, Ellia LOWENSONA. Chelses (071-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757)

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GALLERIES: Andrew Gibbon Williams reviews two 'European' shows in Edinburgh

Excellence knows no frontiers

manuscripts, exquisite printing and ingenious cartography ever produced in the West. It is consoling that artistic quality never fails to sideline politics. Of no individual item is this more true than the National Library's rare copy of the great Gutenberg Bible. The perfection achieved so soon after the ovention of printing always amazes, and nowhere is it more remarkable than in this astounding example of German craftsmanship. Even now,

English monk, in the National

Library of Scotland's European

Treasures exhibition, shows Scotland

as a tiny, amorphous blob at the

extremity of the known world. Outside

the library, the Scottish capital's con-

temporary self-image contrasts starkly

with this medieval slight. Edinburgh,

site of the European summit in

December, is preparing to strut to the

for this exhibition, he or she may discern a political pointer or two among the items on show. A French

map caricaturing the European power

game around 1900, for example,

might be read as an injunction against

nationalism; the travelogue of William

Lithgow, an early-17th-century Scot

who criss-crossed Europe on foot, an

argument in favour of the removal of

In the Euro-manic atmosphere en-

gulfing Edinburgh at the moment it is

hard to dismiss such extraneous polit-

ical thoughts. Ultimately, however,

they detract from one's enjoyment of the artefacts themselves. Whatever its

raison d'être, this exhibition is essen-

tially a celebration of the most beautiful

If any of Europe's leaders finds time

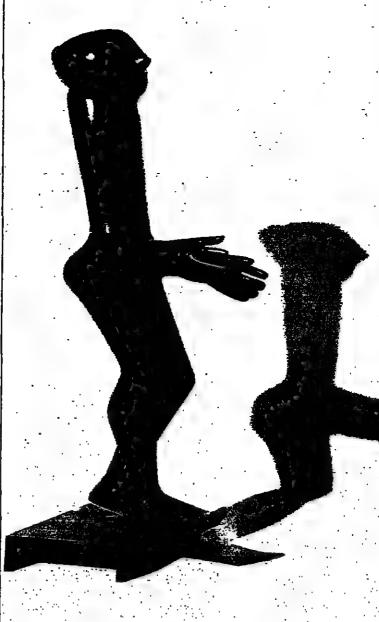
front of the world stage.

all borders.

after 500 years, not a spot of foxing disfigures the book's paper. The text remains as legible as the most up-todate computer print. Something of course was lost with the advent of printing and, in a display case near to this prize exhibit, there is a chance to savour it. Of all surviving medieval manuscripts, prayer books or Books of Hours" as they are called, are the most glorious. In a masterpiece of the illuminator's art embellishing that once treasured by Marie de Rieux, St

 strides manfully across the river. In the 13th-century Rosslyn Missal the hand of an anonymous Irish monk has transformed the capitals into beautifully intricate Celtic knots.

Christopher - holy passenger on shoulder, staff in hand, cloak a-flutter



Kenneth Armitage's July Figurine is included in the exhibition Twelve Stars, now in Edinburgh but due in London in December

devoid of the charge which can electrify history into life. For that very special frisson one must turn to the personal letter penned by the great historical personages. Mary Queen of Scots intricate Celtic knots.

Such articles of faith, however, are writes the last, thrillingly poignant, letter of her tragic life to her brother-in-

law, the King of France. If she trembled as she entrusted her servants to his care no sign of it mars her script. Beethoven is resurrected at a less dramatic moment in his life. Writing to the Scottish folksong collector. George Thomson, Beethoven expresses a wish to visit Edinburgh. What a pity he never made it.

While the National Library's exhibition addresses itself to the European Community's bibliophilic background. Edinburgh's newly refurbished City Art Centre focuses on its artistic foreground. Twelve Stars combines a small selection of 20th-century art works aiready in the collection of the European Parliament with a newly acquired larger group by young British

uro sceptic doubts that the Community's artistic taste might be as implausible as its agricultural policy will be more than adequately confirmed by the former group. Apart from a typically graffitistrewn etching by Antonio Tapies and a fine gestural painting by the Irish artist Barrie Cooke, these Euro pictures would give the uninformed the impression that the aim of late-20th-century European painting is to produce the visual equivalent of elevator music.

Compensating for the tedium, how, ever, the 15 works by young British an-ists chosen by the exhibition's co-ordi-nator Andrew Wheatley exemplify the quality and diversity of work being produced by young artists in Britain.

In tune with the latest developments. several younger generation artists whose work signals a return to the long unfashionable ideals of abstraction are included. Callum Innes, the most impressive of them, favours the hypnotic effect which results when a screen of tentative lines invests the picture plane with infinite depths. Compared with Innes's sympathetic brand of abstraction, the more austere variety practised by older established artists such as Michael Craig-Martin looks offputtingly mechanical.

Not that Britain's younger artists have declared the image extinct by any means. Both Helen Chadwick's gruesome large-scale transparency of a human brain and William Doherty's politicised Irish landscapes will give the bureaucrats of Strasbourg something to think about

● European Treasures: the shared inher-hance at the National Library of Scotland George IV Bridge, Edinburgh (031-226 4531) until April 30.

● Twelve Stars: selected works from the European Parliament art collection, leaturing new British acquisitions at the City Art Centre, 2 Market St. Edinburgh £031-225 2424) until December 12 and the Barbican Centre, London from December 26.

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale finds Travels With My Aunt at Wyndham's Theatre a civilised outing

Doing the splits only multiplies the mirth

MULTIPLY Monty Python's arche- American second act, multi-coloured typal suburbanite. Arthur Pewty, by a streamers dangling from the flies. The factor of three, and you have the three main actors - plus Christopher opening frame of Travels With My Gee for waiters, coppers and so on -Aunt. John Wells, in a three-piece not only swap the role of Pulling but business suit, sits primly drinking tea. play some 17 supporting parts, with no Nearby are two other actors, Simon Cadell and Richard Kane, each with an identical tie, an identical white handkerchief peeking out of the identical grey flannel, and an identical cup in his hand. All are playing the same person, Henry Pulling, who has just

retired from his bank job. What follows is a delightful reversal of the story of the emotional education of a conventional oldster by his mischievous son or grandson. Henry is snatched from his cosy "prison-house" by his rip-roaring Aunt Augusta and thrust into the world of Our Man in Havana and The Honorary Consul. Someone a bit green becomes someone

a bit Greene: and in triplicate. Giles Havergal adapted Graham Greene's original novel for the Glasgow Citizens in 1989 and a tour in 1990; he directs this new, recast production at Wyndham's. Rightly, he has not let a posh West End theatre intimidate him into gentrifying the piece. The decor is still the odd chair, a row of potted flowers or, for the South

more radical changes than a twist of the face or accent. The result is as casually civilised an entertainment as the West End offers.

aspects, Cadell to show a solemn, more ingratiating and nerdish. It also sugests that the story essentially happens in his head. Tempted from his drab rut by Augusta — in Cadell's performance

a fluting blend of Lady Bracknell and DONALD COOPER

Pulling together: (left to right) John Wells, Christopher Gee, Richard Kane and Simon Cadell in Travels With My Aunt, Wyndham's Theatre

Why the sub-dividing of Henry Pulling? Well, it allows Wells to bring out the character's wintry, blimpish failed coup in Istanbul and then into art smuggling in Paraguay. By the end authoritarian side, and Kane to be a bit he is marched with the 16-year-old daughter of a corrupt police chief and fully reconciled to his sunt's sexual and financial extravagances: "there seemed nothing very wrong with her curriculum vitae, nothing so wrong as 30

years in a bank". The route to this genial conclusion is littered with gently amusing moments. The freewheeling style means that even a sudden flashback to 1944, with Augusta's war-criminal lover escaping from Italy disguised as a priest, is easy to believe. So are Kane as, among other things, the big, benign African she lures into her service and her bed, and Wells as a hair-rossing American hippie battling with a phantom pregnancy and a German general's wife who threatens the fake priest with arrest unless he grants her instant

By the end the Pulling triad has not only accepted human difference. It has embodied it, again and again and again. Could there be anything more liberating, forgiving and Greene-like to remember in the bleak winter months ahead?

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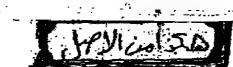
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LITERATURE: Nicolette Jones on the Whitbread Prize, which compares children's books with novels, and biographies with poetry

Torn between the lives and letters

fter the Booker Prize was shared this year, Mark instance, is "not familiar with the state of play of children's books". A ment and 'armature'." He cites as an honourable exception Sir Mich-Lawson, one of the judges, explained their unusual move: "Deciding between Unsworth and Ondaatje is to judge the rattling historical narrative against the dense poetic meditation; the book powered by plot in opposition to the book of which the motor is the prose. How can they fairly be compared?" If this is an acceptable excuse for not coming up with an overall winner, the task of the Whitbread Prize judges

should be impossible. The Whitbread is a prize that presumes to measure children's books against biogra-phies, and poetry against novels. By comparison, the Booker's evaluation of unlike against unlike within the narrow frame of fiction is a doddle. Today the £2,000 winners of the Whitbread's phy, first novel, poetry, chil-

dren's novel, chosen from shortlists of four by five panels of three judges, will be announced. And on January 26, a panel of 11 judges — one from each threesome plus six additional celebrities — will come up with one £20,500-win-ning Book of the Year from the fivecategory shortlist. Two books will surely not do.

If Mark Lawson had a pois what possible criteria can lie behind the Whitbread's final choice? The book that will be important in ten years' time" is apparently the guideline given to the judges in their briefing. "The book that is sufficiently head and shoulders above its own category to have won its way into that greater category in the sky." hazards Joan Bakewell, on this years' final years. this year's final panel.

Bakewell admits, though, that judges must be blased to their own

children's novel is the one category that has not yet won. It may always be at a disadvantage. What children's book can hold its own against the year's finest adult literature, with a panel of grown-up judges? Perhaps if a new Alice in Wonderland, or Wind in the Willows turned up — books that have unquestionably made it into that "category in the sky" - it

might stand a chance.

"Never, ever, not in a million years, it would never be recognised," says John Walsh, one of last

'Judges are bound to be biased towards their own favourite territory'

year's judges. He thinks the celebrity judges, far from ensuring a choice in line with the general public's taste, tend to lack the experise and subtlety to recognise the quality of such categories as poetry and children's books. (His panel chose the biography, John Richardson's first volume of his Life

The novelist Barbara Trapido, also on last year's panel, believes that "if you choose famous people as judges, the biography has a built-in advantage: they like books about famous people." Walsh thinks a celebrity panel tends towards weighty choices for another reason: If you ask a celebrity to be an ordinary Joe, in choose a book for the man in the street, they will aspire to be a literary critic — and start using words like resonant and enjambeael Havers, the then Attorney General, who told the television cameras, when asked to comment on Peter Reading's collection of poetry Stein 1986: "I hated every

It may be that the celebrity Whitbread panels make safe choices. They have tended to make "worthy" ones, of books with a human interest story. When a first novel did win. Paul Sayer's The Comforts of Madness (1988), it was based on the writer's own experience as a psychiatric nurse.

When the victor was a collection of poetry, Douglas Dunn's Elegies (1985's win-ner) was a moving tribute to his late wife. And even Christopher Nolan's autobiogra-phy Under the Eye of the Clock (the winner in 1987) was a phenomenon because of the author's disability. The motive for pitting such

disparate genres against each other is publicity. Whitbread, which had been sponsoring book prizes since 1971 in an assortment of categories, including, in different years, "short stories", and "first books" (fiction or non-fiction), was not getting enough publicity for itself or its winners. In 1985 the PR company Kallaway was brought in. The Book of the Year was their

"Whitbread had had difficulty achieving publicity for five winning books," says Bill Kallaway. "We wanted to bring media focus to the category winners by making them nominees for the Book of the Year. The aim was visibility for them and

It has worked, but does it have any validity except as a PR exercise?
Walsh thinks the category winners certainly benefit: "Things that slip through the nets of reviewers come



to the attention of the judges, and a category win can be immensely valuable. When we chose James Hamilton-Paterson's Gerontius as the best first novel of the year, it didn't have either an American or a paperback publisher. Afterwards it got everywhere."

The Whitbread has a particularly good track record in the category judging. The threesomes of specialist experts have almost invariably come up with shortlists of undeniable quality and interest - the novel and first novel judges often choosing books that missed, but were widely thought to have de-

served, the Booker shortlist. This year, for instance, Adam Thorpe's Ulverton, much tipped for the Booker, shows up on the first novel shortlist. The category choices can also be adventurous: commendable but little-known names achieve recognition, and yet give no cause to attract the (albeit probably gratu-tious) charge of tokenism some-

times levelled at the Booker. The final judging is a less reliable business. Those celebrities can make for a motley crew — but then so can five Booker judges steeped in literature. Everyone has idiosyncratic prejudices. Whether anyone

can make an absolute judgement of Whitbread is that the judges dare to quality between such disparate books boils down (as it does with act as though they all do. is it a pointless comparison? I prefer to see it as daring. What is any prize) to whether there is such a thing as a canonical scale of

chosen in the end is worth reading because a panel of readers has ventured to evaluate it in such a curious way. Among past winners there have been wonderful books: Douglas Dunn's Elegies, Kazuo Ishiguro's An Artist of the Floating World, John Richardson's Life of Picasso, for instance. And if the point of prizes is to make people notice books, the Whitbread is increasingly valuable. Long may it continue in its quirkiness.

In tune with a revolting Roald

CONCERT: Richard Morrison reviews the first musical work commissioned

by the admirable Roald Dahl Foundation

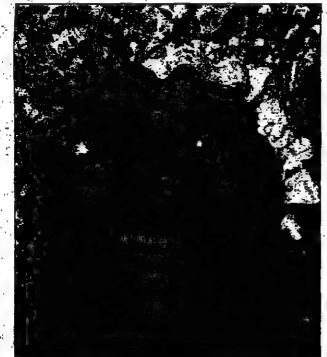
London Philbannonic; green tails for the conducto to commission a series of Franz Weiser-Möst Behind the orchestra, the choirstalls had been converted into a forest of conifers. Lurk- from its performance and jamin Luxon disguised as a wolf, and Julie Walters dressed first as an alcoholic granny and then as a pistol-packing Little Red Riding Hood. And out in front. Robert Powell yes, Jesus of Nazareth himself - read the narration.

The words were Roald Dahl's (most of them, anyway), and this occasion marked not only the premiere of Paul Patterson's Little Red Riding Hood, setting Donald Sturrock's adaptation of one of Dahl's Revolting Rhymes, very much in Peter and the Wolf style for marrators and orchestra; but also the official launch of the admirable Roald Dahl Foundation. Established after the author's death (two years ago next Monday), the Fourdation raises money to support iteracy, neurology and

ery man in the has already been distributed. The Foundation also aims musical works based on Dahl's tales. Patterson's was the first of these, and royalties back into the Foundation's funds. That is a neat idea, and Little Red Riding Hood was an auspicious beginning: mischievously formy, vividly imagined in musical terms, and performed with zest.

Much has been made of Dahl's sense of the macabre; his instinct that what adults find distasteful is exactly what grips the kiddies. There was plenty of that here, as the wolf. considers his human-supper menu, and Patterson matched it in spirit with an unashamedly tuneful display of orchestral

But he also found an ingenious way to parallel Dahl's humour. It is not the irony of Riding Hood producing a pistol to shoot the wolf that sets children giggling; it is the fact that she produces the pistol



Julie Walters: Granny in Little Red Riding Hood

from her knickers. The very word is like a trigger to the pre-pubescent mind. So Patterson gives reasonably musical adults equivalent "triggers": a door-bell that plays Beetho-ven's Fifth ("fate") as the wolf approaches or the Eroica

when the "heroic" Riding Hood enters: a snatch of Wagner's Isolde music as the wolf dreams of eating a "juicy cow"; and a splendid debunking of the worst sort of minimalist music just before the wolf complains that devouring

been cloying. But Patterson develops each character's music so resourcefully, and ties up the score with such finesse, that you could enjoy it all quite happily without detecting a

single reference.

The celebrity appearances were not confined to this premiere. Earlier, Leopold Mozart's Toy Symphony had boasted a barrage of birdsong from a formidable team of cuckoos, nightingales and quails: the multi-gifted David Mellor, Frank Bruno, displaying the artistry that has made him the biggest thing in panto; Zandra Rhodes, Quentin Blake (Dahl's illustrator) and Helen Lederer.

Then followed Dohnányi's Variations on a Nursery Song, with Nelson Goerner doing plucky work at one piano, and Saint-Saens's Carnival of the Animais, with Claire and Antoinette Cann doing equally stirring things at two. Given the presence of so many small children, this first half probably had one piano and two pianists too many. That was a small miscalculation in a fun evening. Radio 3, incidentally. broadcasts Litte Red Riding Hood live from the Festival 'Hall at 1.05 pm tomorrow.



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BLUES: David Sinclair on B.B. King and Robert Cray, sharing the billing at Hammersmith Odeon



Two strong shades of blue

King and Robert Cray were actually on stage together for just one number right at the end: a clumpy mid-tempo swing, during which King's Gibson ("Lucille") and Cray's but the rapport was fluent.

n the first of two which he did with his custom-nights in London, ary aplomb. Now 67, and blues maestros B.B. putting on weight as rapidly as putting on weight as rapidly as he has been gaining extra fans during the blues renaissance of recent years, King was in an expansive mood. His deep understanding of the sadness at the core of the blues was tempered by the knockabout humour of "How Blue Can You Get?" and "Nobody Loves Me But My Mother" ("and she could be jiving, too!"). With his lugubrious eightpiece band as reliable as ever. he pushed down harder on the

mannered funk of "The Thrill Is Gone", still his biggest solo

His only misjudgment was an arrangement of "When Love Comes To Town", his 1989 hit with U2, which would have been better suited to the environs of a supper club, but apart from this, King maintained his natural bonhomie while curtailing his traditional showman's inclinations to meander during songs and play to the gallery.

Cray, who is often accused of

being too uptight and precise in presenting his material on stage, was obviously fired up by the occasion, and turned in one of his liveliest ever performances at this venue. At 39, he is no longer the young turk who shifted the blues world on its axis in the mid-Eighties.

But with maturity has come gravity. Always a gifted singer, he is now beginning to sound as if he has lived through some of the tangled emotions and searing moods that his lyrics invariably portray. He scaled improbable heights during the instrumental coda of "I Was Warned" when, against a mysterious pseudo-samba beat he flaunted a guitar playing technique so extraordinary that it began to sound almost







Maurice Cowling enjoys Elton's history of the English, but wonders whether it is too high-minded for the people it celebrates

ir Geoffrey Elton is one of the most distinguished living historians of England. He is also a refugee who arrived from Czechoslovakia before the last war. After being both a schoolboy and a teacher at a minor public school (Rydal) and doing national service in the East Surrey Regiment, he has remained here as

an historian ever since. The English is his judgment on England — a flattering account of "the surprising continuities" that he finds in the experience the English underwent between the Germanic invasions and the end of the 18th century, an encomium on the shaping they received from the "system of legal rights" and "centuries of strong monarchy which marked them out from other nations", and an inquiry into whether "democratic property-owning rentiers" and other 20thcentury types have anything in

Sir Geoffrey takes us in five chapters through the history of England up to the end of the 18th century. Not all historians will agree with all his interpretations; general editor, the distin-

Virtuous machiavellian

guished medievalist James Campbell, has doubts about Sir Geoffrey's interpretation of the Middle Ages. But the real problem arises in the concluding chapter, not, as Sir Geoffrey modestly implies, because he knows less about the 19th and 20th centuries, but because their relation to the earlier centuries is the central question in the book.

The English is not exactly a Whig book. Sir Geoffrey is still the machiavellian realist who helped to liberate historical writing from liberal virtue. But it looks back to the past, likes what it finds there. and wishes to carry forward what it finds there into the future.

As in Dean Inge's England (1926), which is a model of what this sort of work should be, so in The English the problem is one of continuity. But whereas England was both a ratifying analysis of the savage analysis of the English political situation of the 1920s, The English is cautiously hopeful about

Like Inge, Sir Geoffrey fixes on the transition from rural to urban life since the late 18th century as a major discontinuity but, unlike Inge, is not so sure that its suddenness has made the problems it presents as insoluble as Inge supposed. On the one hand, he believes that the English have been swamped by the Scots, the Irish and coloured immigrants (who, however, receive a friendly report), that the Empire may have been something which the English did not really want, and that urbanisation, industrialisation and massive population-growth may have broken the historical mould. On the other hand, he wishes to believe in the possibility of continu-ity. He raises two questions: whether "the ultimate truth of the English

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"mixture of order enforced by anthority with freedom exercised under authority": and whether or not the "drastic transformations" which he describes in law, government, politics, education and women's rights since the industrial revolution, have deprived the English of contact with their past.

Sir Geoffrey's history is not merely a political history. But its message is about the impact of polity and law and about the effect these have had - not on the "intellectual classes" of whom, as a saloon bar or even public bar Conservative, he tends to be some-what dismissive — but on the great mass of English men and English

Sir Geoffrey believes that an effort will be needed if the English are to restore that "toleration" and "respect" for the rights of individual men and women which they had achieved by the end of the 18th century. And he identifies the tradition that will have to be

restored if toleration and respect

are to be made effective. About his view of the tradition, three points must be made. First, there is in contemporary England lime understanding of the law, a strong streak of lawiessness, and a strong belief that the best reaction to the law courts and the legal profession is to avoid them. Secondly, it has been the two major wars, symbolised by the Cenotaph and the transformed monarchy rather than the legal system and the old monarchy, which have made the most striking contribution to

become revolutionary owes much more than Sir Geoffrey suggests to a temperamental English proneness to acquiescence, to the craft, cunning and compromise characteristic of the English governing classes, and to the hatred which the modern English feel for the energy involved in ideological conflict.

It is possible that the meaning of a nation's past may be unconscious, and that many who have never heard of the events and principles listed in The English have absorbed them. It is equally likely that they have not absorbed them; that, if not the suburbs then at least the housing estates and "the young" (whatever that may mean) are not subject to their influence; and that the educated audience, to which The English is addressed, has as little in common with the audience beneath it as the educated classes

the lower classes in the 1840s. Of course there are innumerable affiliations between the educated classes and everyone else, there is a sense in which England south of the Wash is an immense suburb. and there is something resembling a common culture which centres around the television and the newspapers. But the question that needs to be asked is whether there is not also a cultural gap. Are the assumptions out of which Th-English is written, however conscratory of average English opinion above its head? In other word though Sir Geoffrey may be rigabout the English, is it not all possible that most of them will r.

understand him? Sir Geoffrey wishes not to belie this, and he may be right. But may be wrong. Anyone may en: The English but, if Sir Geoffrey wrong, then he has written a hi minded book which the hi minded will enjoy most.

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Holding the vasty fields of France

tage and film have given us an image of medieval kingship in the mould of either Henry V or Richard III. Shakespeare's Henry V embodies the military virtues of courage, honour, discipline, and patriotism; Richard the victous world of political ambition, intrigue, and faction. Modern historians have endeavoured to overturn the Shakesperean prototype, but for Henry V at least this is less inaccurate than one-sided.

Relying heavily on Holinshed who, in turn, drew on 15th-century sources, oral and written, Shakespeare authentically conveys something of how Henry was seen in his day and of the way war dominated his short reign, more than half of which he spent in

France. In these years the historian finds the normal records of English government grow thinner while the

Though we may temper Shakespeare's heroics by insisting on the brutality and horror of medieval warfare, and emphasise, as Professor Alimand does, the organisational efficiency that enabled the mobilisation of armies, the provision of cannon and food for sleges. and the discipline required to hold armies together, assessments of Henry V have previously always been couched in terms of his military ambitions and genius. Not so in this volume, of which less than a third is devoted to the campaigns and more than half to "the exercise

of kingship". Allmand argues that Henry was a great king as well as a great warrior, and that the two are of a piece. In this he reflects a shift in recent scholarship towards investigating Henry's government of England and Normandy. How did he win and sustain support for the war? How did he organise England's exiguous military and financial resources to secure victory? And how did he maintain order and

The answer lay not in any new methods or system of government, but in fulfilling kingship's traditional role. For this, the omens at his accession in 1413 were not good. The trauma of Richard II's deposition and his father's usurpation had left its mark; for 40 years military leadership had been dogged by incompetence and defeat, politics by faction and rebellion. and society by disorder and popular revolt. It was openly said that England was not governable. Henry's accession brought a mood of expectancy, fuelled not only by a yearning for change but by the impression he had made as head of the council in his father's despite. He came to the throne

with a well known and well defined G.L. Harriss programme of government: fiscal discipline and at-**HENRY V** By Christopher Allm Methuen, £25 tention to detail: the restoration of

chroniclers give order in society their attention almost wholly to the and safety on the seas; reconcilisharnessing of their ambitions to Henry's own: confrontation of heresy and reinvigoration of the church; the crown to be the symbol of unity and nationhood.

All this Allmand describes in a series of meaty chapters which build up a far more rounded picture of Henry as a ruler than in any previous study. We sense his mastery and incisiveness at his desk as much as on the battlefield, and are shown his shrewd choice of ministers and refusal to tolerate inefficiency. For Henry's own qualities exactly matched the model of kingship that his subjects cherished. The key was his sense of destiny, of being chosen by God to lead England. From that flowed all else: his piety, his strict justice, his aloofness and self-discipline, his ability to inspire loyalty and service, his unremitting commitment to the task to which he was called. The transformation he wrought in the political dimate was immediate and dramatic, as if he had released from frustration the pent up ener-



Henry V as archetypal English hero: Laurence Olivier in his 1944 film of Shakespeare's play. But did Henry's Treaty of Troyes foreshadow the Treaty of Maastric;

Henry, Allmand shows, had qualities of greatness which enabled him to harness the wills of his government to a policy of sound governance at home and empire abroad, the like of which England had not seen since the 12th century. But did he allow his sense of destiny and his own ambition to override his political judgment? Was his bid to become king of France frather than rest content with the conquest of Normandy) not just ambitious beyond English capacities but a fundamental misreading of the increasingly separate identities of the two nations?

Allmand answers yes, and so dethrones his hero. Most historians of the period would concur, and there is much to support their view. Beyond Anglo-Burgundian territo-ries there was reluctance to ac-knowledge Henry's claim, and within ten years of his death it had lost all credibility. Within England there was little enthusiasm for the Treaty of Troyes, which linked England and France under a common kingship, and there were fears that it would erode national identity and independence.

Yet it was Henry's intention to maintain the integrity of both nations, with common kingship

providing the essential guarantee of peace and just government. Ironically it was the very pride in England which Henry consciously promoted through the use of English language and the cult of St George that impeded acceptance of his wider vision. We must not enrol Henry V as father of a Europe des patries, but he did, as so often, see further than his contemporaries. Allmand's assessment of the political as well as military achievement of Henry V materially extends our appreciation of his greatness.

G.L. Harriss is the editor of Henry

Pearsall provides another gloss

and Whitehall hen news came in September 1990 that Britain was to send forces to the Gulf, Peter de la Billière was motoring homewards with his wife at the end of a week's sailing in the Solent. He looked at her, she

> sank. That night he applied for the iob of their commander. Well, that is one revelation for a start. One knows that journalists and paint salesmen solicit work, but I thought generals, like Wesley-an ministers, awaited the call. This eneral moreover, was retiring four months later. He had even been on a pre-release course in (of all things) butchery, prior to start-

looked back at him - and her heart

ing a civilian career as a farmer.
Other people in similar circumstances might have hidden in a cupboard until V-Day. Peter de la Billière, Britain's most decorated soldier, drafted not only his CV but a 10-point list of reasons why he should go. With hindsight, few would quarrel with the government's decision to appoint him.

Soldier-scribes suffer from several disadvantages: their respect for the Official Secrets Act (which they have signed); the oath of allegiance they have taken to the Crown; and their loyalty to contemporaries in the mess. Those who fought to oust Saddam Hussein's forces from Kuwait were all, apparently, splen-did fellows, whom the general professes to have liked and admired for years. No doubt they were, but none comes alive in these pages.

The civil service emerges more battered and bruised. Whitehall proved a more obdurate opponent than Baghdad, "rate-capping" requests for more men and equipment. The defence secretary, Tom King, seemed powerless in its grip. Three times King enthusiastically endorsed de la Billière's demand for a forces broadcasting station in the Gulf to inform and entertain his desert army - a thin sandy line longer than that from Land's End to John O'Groats. But three times the Sir Humpbreys quietly sat on it. Yet the general eot what he wanted in the end. Henry Stanhope

We happy few

STORM COMMAND A Personal Account of the Gulf War By Peter de la Billière HarperCollins, £18

The book suffers from an inevit

ble imbalance, in that the lan-

battle, the climax of the operation

occupies little more than one chap ter. This accurately reflects the situation, in that the lighting was relatively short-lived, a virtual knock-out victory in round one. For most general readers (as opposed to the serious students of logistics), the land battle is the most absorbing part of it. Apart from the international character of the alli-

ance, the chief interest of the war for military historians lies in the application of new technology. Precision-guided munitions and night sights gave the alliance a superiority which was especially telling in the desert, with its distant horizons and lack of natural cover.

The Iracis' battle plans were no less crucial. They dug in their tanks 🕏 and artillery with such diligence that they could not get out of the way of the allied offensive or even redirect their line of fire. Such tactics might have worked well in their last war, against untrained illequipped Iranian infantry, but in a high-tech environment they proved futile. Their tank squadrons were left with little choice but to surrender. De la Billière includes a short. fascinating account by the commanding officer of 4th Infantry Brigade of what it was like going to war in a Challenger tank, when night was turned into day by thermal imaging. But this only whets one's appetite for more.

By contrast, the tale of intensive preparation - the politics, the PR, the supplies build-up - tells us little we did not know already. The book gains strength from its author's reputation. If de la Billière does not know the story, no one does. But his sword appears far mightier than

He turned a language of lead to gold

he public image of Chaucer, as far as it survives, might have been taken from The Canterbury Tales itself: that of cheerful Chaucer, honest Chaucer, wise Chaucer. But even in the terms of Derek Pearsail's excellent account, he can also be seen as ambitious Chaucer, uncaring Chaucer, "defensive and self-protective" Chaucer. Of course these are not incompatible histories, since the greatest of poets are often the most selfish of people, and it is the merit of Pearsall's book that he returns England's first true poet to the muddle, viciousness and disorder of 14th-century London. He insists continually that we divest ourselves of modern preoccupations - about war, about religion, about chivalry, even about literature - in order to see Geoffrey Chaucer as he was.

What kind of portrait emerges? He was the son of a prosperous vintner of Thames Street, and at once Pearsall enters a forgotten city of monastic gardens, farmyards and libraries where "most of the noise would come from church bells". There is no evidence that he

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ever went to grammar school or university, and in fact it is likely that the most fluent and comprehensive of English stylists had his education at court. He was a page in the household of the Countess of Ulster (it was in this society he learnt his French), went to war as a valettus, and was thereafter a court official. In 1374 he became a controller of wool and petty custom, while all the time managing to stay out of court trouble or bureaucratic controversy.

Perhaps the most potent image

of Chaucer's life during this period is of him as a customs official and esquire of the royal household living above Aldgate - literally watching the life of London pass beneath him in the shape of the cook, the miller or the priest. But there is another connection between his life and his poetry: Pearsall describes his career as a customs official as one of "accommodations and silences", and pertinently relates that habitually courteous and discreet manner to the procedures of his verse, where authorial silence and suspended judgment are as important as any of the formidable allegorical figures.

This presumes that he was a very sophisticated writer indeed, and one of the strengths of Pearsall's account lies in his exploration of Chaucer's own poetic self-consciousness. He may have seemed merely "dever, funny and inoffensive" to his contemporaries, but there was a sterner and more ambitious man beneath this figure of the time, who gradually became aware of "his own centrality in

Peter Ackroyd THE LIFE OF **GEOFFREY CHAUCER** By Derek Pearsall Biackwell, E19.95



Chaucer: ignored great events

English culture" and who decided to assert this by making what was then the surprising decision to write in English.

As is demonstrated by the newly published first two volumes of The Cambridge History of the English Language (Volume One: The Beginnings to 1066, edited by Richard M. Hogg; Volume Two: 1066-1476, edited by Norman Blake, Cambridge. £60 each), there was not much to assist him. The wealth of information in these volumes on syntax and phonology, semanties and morphology — serves only to emphasise the frailty or paucity of Chancer's inheritance — if it can

be called an inheritance at all, since the alliterative poetry of Old Engand there was no "standardised written language" nor any "sense of a tradition as we understand it today". He would have known, in the rough English tongue, only some devotional literature, some jog-trot romances, and the poetry of an alliterative revival to which, emphatically, he did not attach himself. And so he seems to have decided to create his own tradition instead, thereby confirming his genius for ever.

It was, according to Pearsall, a visit to Italy in his mid-thirties that really changed him. Here he recognised how poets were honoured, and how vernacular poetry (even in this home of Latin) could be revered. It seems likely that he returned to England with the ambition of achieving a similar feat for himself and for his own culture. He appropriated French and Italian models in order to strengthen his native tongue; he took a language of lead, turning it into silver and then to gold.

It is customary these days for novelists and poets to be asked to write about "contemporary problems". Let us contemplate instead the achievement of Geoffrey Chaucer, for whom the Peasant's Revolt provided material for only two pieces of stray humour. He exhibits scarcely a sign of any direct response to the political and social movements of his day", and yet remains the representative poet of

upon the period in his emphasis on Chaucer's role as an adaptor or imitator, or even plagiarist. It has been customary in recent years to consider poets as individual fabricators, creators whose work issues from some self-sustaining and selfrenewing source of originality. It was not always so, and to read Chaucer correctly we have to return to a Catholic culture in which reverence for literary authority and for impersonal forms of rhetoric was the strongest compulsion in the creation of verse. Chaucer himself found his styles and his themes in the act of translation, and Pearsail notes justly here how the very shape of his work was determined by his immersion in Roman de la Rose, in Boccaccio, in Boethius. By these means he absorbed the European tradition, and by means of imitation and adaptation found his own

The reward for his ambition and his persistence was, of course, fame. By his forties he was as successful a man as he was a writer. Like many great artists, also, he wrote his finest work at the end of his life. He never ceased to experiment, to improvise and to learn - that is why The Canterbury Tales, a loose collection of tales in various styles, is truly his monument. One contemporary wrote of his deathbed anguish and remorse, but these sound like the usual pious fripperies of the envious chronicler. He died knowing that he had recreated the language and for the first time displayed a truly

Resurrection of the body

Savouring Stanley Spencer's splendid catalogue raisonné, David Ekserdjian is inclined to rate him with the best artists of our time

tanley Spencer, the little man from Cookham, succeeded in having a profoundly manipulative effect upon the appreciation of his own work. In contrast to the unhappy legions of falling stars who pluckily maintain that their best days are just around the next corner, he insisted that in his case the spark of genius had been snuffed out almost before it was kindled - and convinced the world

he was right.
Only in the last 15 years or so with the help of important exhibi-tions at the Fitzwilliam, the Royal Academy and the Barbican, and now with the publication of this monumental catalogue raisonné—
has it become possible to contemplate Spencer's achievement with a
measure of critical distance. There can be no question that this umusually handsome, well-illustrated and meticulously researched volume will be the point of departure for all subsequent evaluations of Spencer. He was born in 1891. Of the Apple Gatherers of 1912-13, be

wrote: "I felt moved to some utterance, a sense of almost miraculous power, and arising from the joy of my own circumstances and surroundings." For Spencer himself this was his finest hour, but there is no need to deny the slightly gauche power of these early pictures in a Giotto-inspired neoprimitive action to feel that Spencer's prestest works actually date forces.

greatest works actually date from the years between the wars.

Far from having lost his way amid the horrors he experienced in Macedonia, he returned to paint works which combine the visionary with the intensely observed, nota-bly, in the cycle of carryases for the Sandham Memorial Chapel at Burghclere, not to mention his masterpiece, The Resurrection, Cookham, which was bought by the Tate in 1927 for £750.

These were also the years of the extraordinary domestic fantasies that culminate in the Beatitudes. with their images of a diminutive Stan being loomed over by volup-mous and voluminous remales, even when busy toasting bread on the fire in the nude. The same order of experience is treated in more photographic veln in the pictures that are the consequence of the personally disastrous but creatively. fruitful liaison with his second wife. Patricia Preece, whom he painted in alarming and unyielding closeup, whether or not he elected to

include himself. The explicit sexuality of these works suggests a parallel with the roductions of such *Neue Sachlich*keit figures as Christian Schad, and looks forward to the School of London, and above all Lucien Freud. However, Spencer's pursuit of the grand manner and his interest in



Self-Portrait, 1959: last and most moving of Spencer's self-portraits, this shows the dying artist gazing from behind lopsided glasses

allegory alongside realism made. Yet the portraits comparison with another increasare models of ingly revered artist, Max Beck-mann, seem peculiarly apposite.

Spencer's later works are more rect as far as the drily painted than what came before, but admiration for them only grows, as the market showed a few years ago when £1.3 million was paid for the magnificent and chill-ing Crucificion of 1958, painted for the chanci of Aldenham School only a year-before his death. These years also produced a particularly rich crop of commissioned portraits and landscapes, which Spencer in potency as the world they retended to dismiss as "potboilers". cord - however idyllically - fades

their kind, all present and correquisite official trappings are

the same time intensely penetrat- has marshalled all the material ing. As for the landscapes, they are far no well made simply to be to the extent of finding what looks maligned as chocolate-boxev, for all their evocation of a Mrs Minter England that never was, Indeed, it may well be that they only increase

STANLEY SPENCER A Complete Catalogue of the Paintings By Keith Bell

> suspiciously like a Spencer fake. He also provides an introduction that is more biographical than evaluative, but does not shy away from expressing his own point of view. If anything, however, he is over-

into the past. Keith Bell, who

was the high priest of the 1980

RA show, which was roughly half the size of the

burdened by the sheer abundance of surviving information, and perproduced a better British painter.

haps quotes contemporary reviews with undue reverence. On the other hand, these do at least reveal just how robust some critics could be, as when Wyndham Lewis, in a generally favourable piece, remarked that "His naivety is painful, like the oppressive archness of a self-conscious little girl". But it may well be that Spencer, with his pudding basin haircut and his pramful of paints, will have the last laugh. In the wake of his own centenary, it is not self-evident that our century has

arcel Proust's great novel has a new title. In the freshly revised, six-volume edition that Chatto & Windus publish this week, they have finally given in to pressure from decades of scholars, and on the orange jackets we find the literal translation of the French tide: In Search of Lost Time. Like the Treaty of Maastricht, it probably had to come. When G. K. Scott Moncrieff

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started publishing the first, famous translation of the book in 1922, the year Proust died, he evidently thought it imaginative to garland it with the quotation from a Shakespeare sonnet, Remembrance of Things Past. It was a title in keeping with the florid, Edwardian tone of his translation, and its poetic resonance very likely helped to sell the book to the English at

the time.
I still find myself greatly attached to that title — perhaps because like any name (even a name such as Radio Times), it has come with the years to mean simply the object it refers to, all previous associations of the words having faded. But it has to **Derwe**

Derwent May be admitted that it is not what Proust IN SEARCH OF intended. He was not writing about idle remembrance Translated by G.K. Scott but about arduous Moncrieff, revised by Terence Kilmartin and dedication he himself displayed in the 12 years of illness and soli-

tude that he spent now win the day. It is the artist who recovers Time for us, not the

What else has this revised edition of A la recherche got to offer? The late Terence Kilmartin brought out an extensive revision of Scott Moncrieff's translation in 1981. He incorporated various changes that the French editors of the splendid 1954 Pleiade edition had made after studying Proust's manuscripts and proofs. He also skilfully tightened up Scott Moncrieff's prose without losing any of its expressive rhythms, and corrected many errors made by his dashing but sometimes careless

Now the poet D. J. Enright, with his French wife Madeleine, has combed through the translation again, and while still preserving the seductiveness of Scott Moncrieff's sentences, has put right some more inaccuracies. A good example is a remark Swann's mistress Odette makes about the elderly marquise, Mme de Villeparisis Mme de Villeparisis is a woman

of particularly noble birth, and in fact gives one of the seven great parties around which the whole novel revolves; but she dresses in a simple, old-fashioned way. When Odette sees her out in the street in her black woollen dress, she cannot believe she is a woman of any importance. "Mais elle a l'air d'une ouvreuse, d'une vieille concierge, darling" she says to Swann.

That ouvreuse (literally "opener") has given a lot of trouble. Scott Moncrieff came up with the odd pew-opener, like an old charwom-an." Kilmartin knew it was not pews that the marquise opened in Odette's mind, but he decided it was lavatories: "She looks like a lavatory anendant, like an old charwoman," he wrote. It has fallen to Enright to get it right at last: "She looks like an usherette, like an old concierge, darling." Ouvreuse was the word for an usherette who opened the doors of boxes in a theatre. Enright has also finally recognised that the English know what a concierge is, so he has changed back the other translators'

unnecessary "charwoman".

It is a small point, but important.

Much of the joy of Proust comes from the comedy of all that exactly observed social detail and social nuance. Proust may have written at length about the business of conjuring up the past and recreating it, but many more of the pages of his novel are devoted to the funny and moving story that he actually did conjure up, a brimming pan-orama of 50 years of French social, political and sexual life.

There has been another Pléiade edition in France since 1954: in 1987-89 a vast scholarly work notes, variants and so on running to twice the length of mous novel. When the editors were not sure where

Proust wanted a passage to appear they sometimes printed it in both places. Luckily Enright has not taken over much of this material, just added a few short passages which contribute fresh interest and pleasure.

French scholars think Proust also wanted to drop some sections of the volume called *The Fugitive*. In 1989, Chatto brought out a version of that volume, entitled *Albertine* Gone, in which not only Albertine had gone but also some of the best bits of the novel. It must have been the only book that has ever been sold to the public on the grounds that it contained far less than the previous version. Luckily Enright has ignored these cuts too.

This is the best reading version yet. Kilmartin's three volumes were too heavy; these six are printed in quite large type, with good mar-gins, but are still easy to carry around. The sixth volume includes Kilmartin's guide to the novel, based on a feature of the Pleiade edition. If you have become fascinated again (or indeed for the first time) by the Baron de Charlus, say, or by Françoise the servant, you can look up the references to them and piece together their biographies from their appearances over

The appearance of this new edition also has its significance in the realm of Time. It arrives in the bookshops just in advance of an entirely new translation of Proust by the American Richard Howard. which starts coming out next year.

Derwent May is the author of suggestion: "But she looks like a Proust (OUP Past Masters).

Brave new Africa

t is said that when Sir Richard Attenborough returned home after filming Cry Freedom in Zimbabwe, he took with him a fine collection of modern Shona sculpture: twisted grey-granite forms full of the ancient energy of the continent but with more than a hint of reference to European artistic tradition. At about the same time Doris Lessing made the first of four visits to Zimbabwe, the land where she was born and from which she was banished for 25 years. If the Shona craftsmen could unite the traditions of Africa and Europe in their smooth stone, Lessing's sketches are an agonising reflection of the relationship, of which her own experience had been just one unhappy example.

When Lessing returned to Zimbabwe in 1982, she found a country still in trauma from the civil war of which independence had been the only fruit. In the people she recognised the shock of war that she was to encounter among Afghan refugees on a later visit to Peshawar and which she recog-nised from the simmering anger of the drunken, crippled soldiers she had seen demobilised on a station platform in Berlin after the second world war. Here was a country of great beauty and resources, torn apart between black and white, north and south. Its fighters, returning from the Bush after 15 years, found little prospect of reconciliation. Unemployment soared, and the rift between Robert Mugabe and his long-time opponent Joshua Nkomo meant some even returned to Marabeleland where the battle continued in the form of a sporadic bush war.

As far as the whites were concerned, talk in the early 1980s was of "taking the Gap" - emigrating to South Africa where white minority rule was at least still intact. Lessing, exiled for her support of the black majority, found her political views still under scrutiny on her return. She was acknowledged with suspicion among the whites who remembered her beTanya Sillem

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> THE AYE-AYE AND I By Gerald Durrell HarperCollins, E15.99



Doris Lessing in 1950: ironies

trayal, not least her own brother. Harry. Most of the farmers continued to live behind the huge wire fences that ensured protection from terrorist attack, and provided a laager against the encroachment of the now liberated majority. The whites still lived in splen-

dour, with servants and a lifestyle rare in Europe. Aithough many still had reason to fear for their safety, most resorted to what Lessing called "The Monologue" at any opportunity. This was a series of attacks on the inefficiency and corruption of the black government, of Mugabe's excessive personal security arrangements and the state of the economy. Its delivery was a bitter triumph in the face of defeat. Harry himself eventually "took the Gap", and was to die in South Africa.

On successive visits to Zimbabwe, Lessing found that white resistance was crumbling, and by 1988 most diehard supporters of Ian Smith's Rhodesian cause had gone south anyway. Perhaps Lessing overcame the essential sadness of her own exile by exercising their ghosts on Tanya Sillem is a presenter and

mood lightens as she proceeds, with evident delight, to sketch Zimbabwe's first faltering steps as a truly multiracial society. But the new-found confidence of young blacks was only skin deep, for here was a new generation which mistreated its servants as it had seen whites do, yet also slaughtered rhino, which had become associat-

ed with white values.

There is not much laughter that is not ironic in these 450 pages. It is tempting to reach for Lessing's fiction, though, for a more convinc-ing style. This is a sketchbook, but the brush strokes are too informally applied to sustain interest. If Lessing used diary notebooks for her material, these should have been more ruthlessly edited.

ome 20 years before Zimbabwe gained its Independence, Madagascar had uncoupled itself from imperial France. While in other parts of Africa the fight against poverty was waged against people, the Madagascans turned against their forests, slashing and burning a unique natural habitat. Most of Madagascar's flora and fauna are found nowhere else in the world, and in The Ave-Ave and I Gerald Durrell describes his crusade to save the Aye-Aye from extinction. This creature is, by any standards, strange in appearance, and looks to the inexpert eye like an ordinary rodent

endowed with extraordinary teeth. For Durrell, failing to save the Ave-Aye was as unthinkable as turning the Sistine Chapel into a disco. In his approach to conservation Durrell has always seemed an unlikely cross between James Bond and Enid Blyton, and there are lashings of ginger beer to be consumed here. Durrell was an eco-evangelist decades before animal rights campaigners ever thought of sticking chewing gum to fur coats, and his enthusiasm remains as infectious as ever.

these pages. Certainly the book's reporter for BBC Breakfast News.

London brigands and fair ladies

any Londons exist, according to Peter Vansit-tart "mythical, historical, literary, topographical, at times so personal as to become mystical." No one who has a stake in London can fail to take pleasure in this new addition to Murray's series, but "literary" begs a question which is never quite addressed. What may it not include? Vansittart echews what he calls "the cataloguing of famous names in verbal blue plaques"; his is less of a detailed guide than is lan Littlewood's volume on Paris. Yet Vansittart, like Littlewood, divides up his book topographically, which imposes an almost-too-concrete structure on his

vagrant and often esoteric material. What, for instance, is one to make of Rossetti's wallpaper? "l shall have it printed on common-brown packing paper and on blue grocer's paper... The trees are to stand the whole height of the room ... The stems and fruit will be Venetian red, the leaves black." I am tempted to reproduce this charming decorative scheme myself; but, apart from the house happening to be near Blackfriars, it has little to do with London.

The literary claim of this passage. like Lamb's portentiously prosaic description of his lodgings, rests on the fame of the author. Much of the material in this book, however, comes from more obscure writers looking more directly at London. On the whole fact is preferred to fiction; we are given glimpses of prelapsarian suburban childhoods. or alternatively of historic murders from genteel addresses, rather than London strained through the nov-

Resisting the temptation to load his book with Dickens, he includes for Highgate cemetery an arrestingly Dickensian passage from Galsworthy: "Athwart the Victorian dykes the waters were falling on property, manners and morals, on melody and the old forms of art - you pass along the Embankment.

Gillian Tindall

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waters bringing to his mouth a salt taste as of blood lapping to the foot of Highgate Hill where Victorianism lay buried."

Modern writers are also allowed in: we have a paragraph from Anita Brookner's Look At Me on the horror of an underpass at night to a lone woman and another in the same vein on the Rotherhithe tunnel by Iain Sinclair. But with so many riches to choose from, why include a eulogy by John Braine. written long after his once-keen discrimination between real and

bogus had melted away?

Unspoken distinctions hover in this engaging volume: the lost dream-London of Morris, "small and white and clean", exists in antithesis to the despoiled Tower Hamlets of Arthur Morrison or H. M. Tomlinson, but these "real life" pictures are themselves part of a legend which, with the passing of time, has acquired its own irridescent dream quality. Vansit-tart, who, as a novelist, is a master of historical evocation, quotes a hallucinatory passage about London under fire bombs from William Sansom ("Swiftly the life of the house blossomed ... A new growth

was sprouting everywhere"). Yet almost the most haunting extract of all comes from that resolutely worldly Londoner, Pepys. picked up the fairest flower and by coach to Tothill Fields till it was dark. Hight, and with the fairest

flower to eat a cake and there did do as much as was safe with my flower, and that was enough on my part." In what does Place exist when all is utterly changed? Think of this as

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When father needs leave to seek order

In re C (Minors) (Adoption: Residence Order) Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Jus-

tice Hoffmann Judgment November 131 A court order under the Adoption Act 1976 freeing a child for adoption removed any parental responsibility that a natural father might have had so that he was not a "parent" for the purposes of the Children Act 1989. Accordingly, he was obliged under the 1989 Act

to apply for leave to present an

application for a residence order in respect of the child. The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing an appeal by the natural lather of two illegitimate children, aged six and eight, from the decision of Mr Justice Johnson, dated April 14, 1992, who had held, on the hearing of a prelimi-nary issue, that the father required the leave of the court under section 10 of the 1989 Act to bring an under section 8.

Mr Duncan Matheson, QC and Mr D. Peter Hunt for the father; Miss Joanne Fielding for the local authority which was the adoption agency; Miss Lindsey Kushner, QC and Miss Sarah Singleton for QC and Miss Sarah Singleton for the guardian ad litem; the mother

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Mr

lustice lan Kennedy and Mr

In proceedings for contempt of

court brought against the appel-lant, the victim of a savage attack

who had refused to give evidence at the trial of his attacker, his

counsel made it clear to the judge

that the reason for his refusal was

That was a reason which was

capable, if substantiated, of

amounting to a defence to the charge of contempt: see R v K ((1983) 78 Cr App R 82) and R v Hudson ((1971) 2 QB 202).

The Court of Appeals so stated when charge research for allowing

when giving reasons for allowing.

on July 31, the appeal of James

John Lewis against a finding of contempt of court by Judge

Lightfoot at Leeds Crown Court on

July 30, 1991 on which a sentence

of nine months imprisonment was

consecutively to 12 years imprison-

ment imposed on March 14, 1990

at the same court for an offence of

Mr Benjamin Nolan, QC and Mr Patrick Robertshaw for the

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Defence to charge

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a 12-year sentence.

did not appear and was not LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS, giving the judgment of the court, said two issues arose 1 Was the judge right in holding that the term "parent" in section 10(4) of the 1989 Act applied only to parents with parental respon-sibility? If so, leave to apply for section 8 orders was required not only by parents whose children had been freed for adoption but by all parents who did not have parental responsibility and in particular by putative fathers who had not acquired parental respon-

sibility under section 4.
2 If the judge construed "parents" too narrowly, did it nevertheless exclude the natural parents of a child who had been freed for

In the court's view, "parent" in section 10(4) included a putative father. In the 1989 Act and in the amendments to other statutes made in the schedules to the 1989 Act, the term "parent" had a wider meaning than parent with pa-rental responsibility. Therefore, in section 10(4) it would ordinarily include a putative father without parental responsibility.
It followed that the court dis-

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Act 1976 governed the statutory framework of adoption. An adop-tion order was final and irrevocable. The effect of the order on the child's status was put beyond doubt by section 39(2) which stated that after adoption the natural parent was not in law a parent for any purposes, including section 10(4) of the 1989 Act.

The question to be decided in the appeal was whether a freeing order under section 18 of the 1976 Act had the same effect. The concept of freeing for adoption under the Act provided for a procedure to obtain the consent of a parent, or a judicial decision that the agreement of a parent had been un-reasonably withheld, to be taken at a stage earlier than the adoption proceedings and without the involvement of the prospective adopters, or even their identifica-

tion as potential adopters. The judge on the freeing application dispensed with the father's agreement on June 19, 1990. There had been no appeal against that order.

The consequences of the order dispensing with the parent's agreement and freeing the child for adoption was to place the child in a sort of adoptive limbo with parental responsibilities for him asapplication was made to revoke the freeing order. The parent became ection 19 a former parent. The use of the term "former

parent" was an indication that Parliament did not think that after a freeing order the natural parents would be parents in the ord sense of that word as used in the context of such legislation. A former parent had limited rights by section 19 to be informed whether an adoption order had been made and, if not, whether the child had been placed with an adoptive family.

Section 20 gave the former parent the right to apply to revoke the freeing order after twelve months if an adoption order had not been made and the child did not have his home with the

Under the 1976 Act the father in the instant case, now a former parent, had no other rights and in particular lost the fundamental right of the opportunity to be heard on the adoption application. He was not even entitled to attend the hearing. In that respect he was in the natural mother or parents who

position. The effect of a freeing order was to deprive the natural parents of parental responsibility in the same way as after an adoption order. The former parent's right to apply to revoke under section 20 was contingent on circumstances over which he had no control and he had no say in the future arrangements for the child other than under section 20.

The lack of rights of a natural parent after a freeing order bore a close resemblance to the position of a natural parent after adoption, although the door was not shut until the child was adopted.

If there was no application to the father in an application for residence were nil and the application itself appeared to confer no advantage on the children nor would it seem to be in the children's best interest to make it.

It followed that, although the court had not reached its conclusion by the simple route taken by the judge, the court agreed with him that the father was not entitled to apply for a residence order.

Solicitors: Chambers & Co, Brighouse: Mr Michael Ellison, Halifax: Barlow Rowland,

Disclosing deliberations of jury

Attorney-General v Associat-ed Newspapers Limited and

Before Lord Justice Beldam and [Judgment November 12]

giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant had been slashed with a knife in a prison The meaning of the word "dis-close" in section 8(1) of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 was exercise yard, sustaining very seriunambiguous, dear and wide His attacker was an accomplice enough to include the disclosure of jury deliberations by a newspaper In the armed robbery, also serving to the public at large. It was irrelevant that the paper obtained Having regard to the serious attack the appellant had already suffered it was not difficult to its information from a third party and not directly from a jury imagine the reason for his relucper. The purpose of section 8 tance to explain in the presence of was to keep the secrets of the jury room inviolate in the interests of

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to give evidence. In the contempt hearing, he The Queen's Bench Divisional should have been given the opportunity to give evidence so that the judge would have been in Court so stated when, upon the Attorney-General's application for committal, it found Associated a position to decide whether the appellant was indeed in contempt Newspapers Ltd, Stewart Steven and Clive Wolman guilty of con-tempt of court in contravention of section 8(1) of the 1981 Act for trial was free and voluntary or whether it was the result of a well publishing in the Mall on Sunday a newspaper article which revealed founded fear of further attack, so real and compelling that he could not reasonably be expected to act ments of some jury members in R vNatwest Investment Bank and The ludge's failure to consider Others, the Blue Arrow trial. those questions was a sufficient ground for allowing the appeal. Associated Newspapers were fined 130,000; Stewart Steven 220,000

Mr David Pannick, QC and Miss Dinah Rose for the defen-dants; Mr Philip Havers for the Attorney-General.

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM. delivering the judgment of the court, said that free, unlimited and unfettered discussion by the jury during their deliberations was essential to the proper administra-

Mr Pannick's argument, that a wide interpretation of section 8(1) would be inconsistent with article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights and unduly restrain freedom of expression, was Section 8(1) concerned solicit-

ing, disclosing, or obtaining, inter alia, the deliberations of the jury in the juryroom and only restra

At some future date, the Euro-

might determine whether section 8 was disproportionate to the restric-

There was no reason to qualify the meaning of the word "disclose" by confining it solely to the disclosure of information by the members of a jury. "Disclose" meant to open up to the knowledge of others. That was wide enough to include the opening up of know-ledge to the public as a whole, by one to whom the knowledge had been revealed by a third party.

The background to the enactment showed that Parliament intended "disclose" to have a wide meaning and only by giving it a meaning which disregarded that would make it possible to hold that the section was not infringed. Solicitors: Mischon de Reya;

Child case counsel

In re M (Minors) (Representation)

In proceedings under the Children Act 1989 it was undesirable that grandparents whose interests were dentical with the mother should be separately represented by solic-Bors and counsel.

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The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Butler-

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the maternal grandparems had been granted ave to intervene in the proceed ings and had appeared by counsel and solicitors throughout the 20day county court hearing.
Part of the philosophy of the 1989 Act was to bring before the

court all parties relevant to the rare or the childre parents, however, had not been at odds with their daughter. Their interests were identical and her Ladyship could not see the purpose of their being separately repre-sented for the lengthy hearing. the proceedings and had thereby sed the costs of all parties Her Ladyship would not like it to be thought that because the 1989 Act provided for grandparents, among others, to be parties where

appropriate, they should in fact intervene unless they had a sepa-

rate point of view to put forward.

Sloss) so observed in the course of a judgment delivered on October 14 dismissing the father's appeal to set aside findings made on July 17, 1992 by Judge Crawford, QC, at Oxford County Court.

the court

order to the London Borough of Sutton in respect of G, a child of Mr Richard Mandel and Mr Adrian Jenkala for the father; Miss

Caroline Rodger for the local authority; Miss Elizabeth Brann

MR JUSTICE WAITE said that

stock should not include cattle or other animals liable to damage the Nothing was said about the term of the arrangement, but it was implicit in Sir Douglas' acceptance

Before Mr Jonathan Sumption,

A contract of tenancy of land for

grazing from year to year was not necessarily disqualified by section

2(3)(a) of the Agricultural Holdings Act 1986 from being an

agricultural tenancy on account of

the existence of certain limits

imposed on the grazing.

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC, sining as a deputy High Court judge of the Chancery Division so held in a reserved judgment grant-

ing Colin Cecil Brown the declara-

tion he sought against James

Mr Peter Cranfield for Mr

Brown; Mr Richard Bray for Mr

HIS LORDSHIP said that Mr Tiernan was the owner of Clophill House in Bedfordshire. The prop-

erty included, in addition to the house and its garden, a paddock of

just under two acres which lay

Mr Tiernan's predecessor in tide, Sir Douglas Howard, made

an oral agreement with Mr Brown, a local farmer, in about

1973 which allowed him the use of the paddock for grazing livestock in consideration originally of £10 and later £25 a year. The question was whether Mr Brown thereby

became the tenant of an agri-

cultural holding for the purposes of

Sir Douglas was an extremely keen gardener. Because of the position of the paddock, the view of

it was an important feature of his garden. Daffodils which were

densely planted at the near end of

the paddock were a speciacular

sight in March and April and were

one of the high points of the gardening year at Clophill house. The grazing of cattle during the daffodil season was liable to harm

the plants, for although the cattle

trample over them. Grazing horses

or ponies were less damaging.
Sir Douglas was not willing to have cattle grazing in the paddock during March and April and Mr

Brown never did so graze them. However Mr Brown kept a

foals in the paddock throughout

the year. The mare and foals were

not used for any trade or business

His Lordship found that the use which Sir Douglas and Mr Brown contemplated for the paddock was

that livestock might be grazed there throughout the year, except

but for Mr Brown's children.

Francis Tleman.

beyond the garden.

the 1986 Act.

[Judgment November 10]

Grazing agreement is

agricultural tenancy

of an annual rent that the arrangement, whether it was technically a tenancy or a licence, would contime from year to year until determined by notice. In order to show that he was the tenant of an agricultural holding for the purpose of the 1986 Art, Mr Brown had to establish first

that the land was let for use as agricultural land: section 1(2). That meant "land used for agri-culture which is so used for the purpose of a trade or business": section 1(4)(a). Agriculture included grazing: section 96(1).

Second, the letting had to be "for

a term of years or from year to year": section 1(5). Section 2 provided that a licence or letting for less than a year should take effect as if it were an agreement to let the land for a tenancy from year

However, section 2(3)(a) provided: "This section does not apply to an agreement for the letting of land or the granting of a licence to occupy land ... made (whether or not it expressly so provides) in contemplation of the use of the land only for grazing or mowing (or both) during some specified period of the year."

If a licence or tenancy was granted n contemplation of the use of the land for grazing for a period of less than a year or for successive periods of less than a year, then the agreement was not a "contract of tenancy" (section 1(1)) because on that footing it would not be an agreement for letting land for a term of years or from year to year. Mr Tiernan's case was that the agreement between Sir Douglas

and Mr Brown was only for successive periods of less than a year because it contemplated the use of the land for grazing for trade or business purposes only during the 10-month period from May to March when the daffodlls were not in bloom.

His Lordship did not accept that argument. The requirement of the Act that the land should be used for the tenant's trade or business was part of the definition of "agri-

cultural land".

By section 1(2) an agricultural holding had to relate to "agricultural land". However, that requirement was satisfied if the

that during the period when the daffoldis were in flower the livepurposes of a trade or business. notwithstanding that it was simultaneously used for another purpose, such as keeping a mare for pleasure or, for that matter, growing wild flowers for pleasure.

The fact that there was a period licence when the land would not be used for both business and pleasure, but only for pleasure, made no difference unless either (1) the business purpose was relatively so regarded as the purpose of the letting or licence or (ii) that the two distinct agreements, one relating to business use and one

relating to other use.

Neither of those points could be made in the present case. The paddock was therefore, in Mr Brown's hands, "agricultural

Once that point was reached, the limitation in section 1(4) to use for the purpose of a trade or business had no further relevance. The question posed by section 2(3)(a) was a different question which arose only once it was shown that

the land was "agricultural land". It was then necessary to ask whether the contemplated used of the land was "only" grazing or mowing (or both) during some specified period of the year. If it was more than grazing or mowing, or was grazing or mowing for a year or more, the proviso did not

tenant was allowed into possession simply for a limited period and then went out of possession until the next season. Mr Brown was in occupation of the paddock throughout the year.

If a tenant was permitted to use the land for the whole year, and purposes when it was not being used for grazing, it could no longer he said that the contemplated user of the land was only for grazing during a part of the year.

Where, as in this case, some grazing continued throughout the year, albeit by different animals some of which were not used in the enant's business, it was clearer still that the proviso had no

Accordingly, the effect of the agreement which Sir Douglas made, although he probably had no such intention. Was to create an agricultural tenancy enforceable inst his successor in title. Solicitors: Park Woodfine & Co. Bedford: E. T. Ray & Co. Bletchley.

Children present in court

In re G. (Minor: Care Order) Before Mr Justice Waite [Judgment November 6]

Guardians ad Litem should think very carefully before arranging for children to be present during family proceedings in the High Court and should be prepared to justify the presence of the child to

Mr Justice Waite so stated in a reserved judgment in the Family Division when dismissing a father's appeal against Sutton Justices decision to grant a care

Rayinder Rahal for the mother.

the child had expressly asked to be present in court during the hear-ing and the guardian ad litem had felt that she would benefit from the

The father had supported the child's wish and had argued that there was no discretion in the court to override that wish, even if it was interests. As there had been no opposition to the child's presence, his Lordship had not felt it right to

At the end of the hearing the guardian ad litem had said that he positive benefit as the child knew that nothing had been said or done

In his Lordship's view the practical workings out of the Children Act 1989 were still at an early stage and it was not a time for anyone to be dogmatic.

However, it would be a pity if the

presence of children at High Court proceedings was to be allowed to be developed into a seried practice. To sit for hours or even days listening to lawyers was not an experience that should be wished

Whether the court had a discretion in the matter would have to be decided in the future but it would be surprising if the High Court had no control over the presence or absence of children in

In the meantime guardians ad litem who were arranging for children to be present in court should consider their reasons for prepared to give those reasons in

Solicitors: John D. Sellars & Co. Sutton: Mr William Barton, Sut-ton: Mundays. Esher: Atkins

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Spouse's residence and benefit right Hughes v Chief Adjudication

Case C-78/91

Before R. Jollet, President of the Fifth Chamber, and Judges J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, M. Zuleeg and D. A. O. Edward

Advocate General W. Van Gerven (Opinion May 6) [Judgment July 16] It was immaterial for the purposes

of the grant of a derived right to family benefits that the worker's spouse had never been resident or employed in the member state whose legislation was applicable. The Court of Justice of the European Communities (Fifth Chamber) so held in relying to

questions submitted to it by the Social Security Commissioner. Belfast for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC ally credit was a weekly noncontributory cash benefit granted to families with limited means under the Social Security (North-

em Ireland) Order 1986 and the Family Credit (General) Regula-tions (Northern Ireland) 1987. Article 21 of the 1986 Order provided that a person in North-ern Ireland was entitled to family credit under certain conditions relating to income, employment and family responsibilities. Regulation 3(1) of the 1987 Regulations defined the condition

concerning residence and presence in Northern Ireland as follows: "A person shall be treated as being in Northern Ireland if, on the date of claim — (a) he is present and ordinarily resident in Northern Ireland; (b) his partner, if any, is ordinarily resident in the Uni Kingdom; (c) his earnings or the earnings of his partner, if any, derive at least in part from remunerative work in the United King-dom or the Republic of Ireland; and (d) his earnings do not wholly derive from remunerative work outside the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland nor do the earnings of his partner, if any."

Mrs. Hughes lived with her husband and three children in

worked in Northern Ireland at the Ministry of Agriculture and had never worked outside Northern Ireland.

On March 30, 1988 Mrs Hughes applied to the competent authority in Northern Ireland for authority in Northern treatur for family credit. That application was rejected first by the Adjudication Officer and then, on appeal, by the Enniskillen Social Security Appeal Tribunal on the ground that Mrs Hughes did not satisfy the residence condition as defined in regulation 3(1) of the 1987

Mrs Hughes considered that, even if she did not fulfil the residence condition, she was none the less entitled to family credit by virtue of Community law. She argued that family credit, as a family benefit, constituted a social family benefit, constituted a social security benefit for the purposes of article 4(1)(h) of Regulation No 1408/71 of the Council of June 14, 1971 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their family moving within the Com-munity (OJ 1983 L230 p6) and that the regulation, and in particu-lar article 73 thereof, should be

The Social Security Commissioner, before whom the matter was brought on appeal, stayed the proceedings and referred certain questions to the Court for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held:

The questions referred by the on the one hand, the score rations materiae and, on the other hand, the scope rationae personae of Regulation No 1408/71. Scope ratione materiae

First, the national court sought to ascertain whether a benefit such as family credit should be considered a social security benefit for the

tional court sought to ascertain,

purposes of article 4(1) of Regula-tion No 1408/71. By virtue of article 4(1) the scope ratione materiae of the regulation extended to all legislation of the member states concerning the

branches of social security listed in that provision.
The Court had consistently

stated that a benefit might be regarded as a social security benefit in so far as it was granted, without any individual and discretionary assessment of personal needs, to recipients on the basis of a legally defined position and provided that it concerned one of the risks expressly listed in article 4(1) of Regulation No 1408/71.

If those criteria were applied to a benefit such a family credit, it was clear, as regards the first condition. that the provisions governing the grant of family credit conferred upon recipients a legally defined

As regards the second condition. It appeared from the documents before the Court that family credit in fact performed a dual fur first, it encouraged poorly paid workers to continue working, and second, it was intended to meet family expenses, as was clear in particular from the fact that it was paid only where the claimant's family included one or more children and from the fact that the amount of the benefit varied cording to the age of the

It was by virtue of that second function that a benefit such as family credit fell within the category of family benefits defined in Regulation No 1408/71 and hence related to the risk referred to in article 4(1)(h) of the regulation. The method by which a benefit was financed was immaterial for the purposes of its classification as a social security benefit.

Scope ratione personne
The national court sought to ascertain whether, where an employed person was subject to the legislation of one member state and lived with his family in another member state, his spouse was entitled under article 73 of lation No 1408/71 to receive family benefits provided for by the legislation of the state in which the ployed person worked, even if his spouse had never been resident or employed in that state

By virtue of article 73 of Regulation No 1408/71, an employed or

self-employed person subject to the legislation of a member state was entitled "in respect of the members of his family who are residing in another member state, to the family benefits provided for by the legislation of the former state, as if

they were residing in that state." The spouse of an employed person could claim a derived right to family benefits under article 73 of Regulation No 1408/71 pro-vided that he or she was a member of the family of a worker who fulfilled the conditions laid down in article 73 and provided also that under national legislation the family benefits concerned were pro-

vided for family members. Since article 73 of Regulation No 1408/71 did not require that the worker's soouse should also egislation was applicable, but elerred specifically to the case where a worker's family resided in another member state, it was immaterial for the purposes of the benefits that the worker's spouse had never been resident or employed in the member state whose legislation was applicable.

On those grounds, the Court (Fifth Chamber), ruled:

1 A benefit which was granted automatically to families meeting certain objective criteria concerning in particular their size, income and capital resources had to be considered a family benefit for the Regulation No 1408/71.

2 Where an employed person was subject to the legislation of a member state and lived with his amily in another member state, his spouse who had never been resident or employed in the state in which the worker was employed might rely on article 73 of Regulation No 1408/71 in order to claim a derived right to receive family benefits for the members of the worker's family from the com-petent institution of that state, provided that the worker fulfilled the conditions laid down in article 73 and provided also that under national legislation the family benefits concerned were provided for family members.

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Stanley's XV lay on the style in refreshingly open rugby union encounter

Oxford flourish in early examination

Major Stanley's XV..... 20

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By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE was a time when Oxford University, leading by a solitary point at Iffley Road yesterday, might have regretted running two close-range penalties when they could have kicked for goal. But their ambition was deservedly rewarded as, in the gathering gloom, they clinched victory over Major R. V. Stanley's XV.

Two sides sharing eight tries came as a relief to those who had the misfortune to watch the penalty-strewn meeting between Monmouthshire and the Australians a day earlier. There was more genuine rugby, and genuine enjoyment in five minutes at Iffley Road than there had been in 80 minutes at Ebbw Vale.

Moreover, the portents for the University match on December 8 seem promising for Oxford. They are not short of height at the lineout, an area they came to dominate in the second half against a cosmopolitan Stanley's XV. which offered a far better examination than this annual encounter, sponsored by Kobe Steel, sometimes produces.

if Stanley's ball retention had matched the huge ambition that the fresh-faced Barlow, a late inclusion at standoff half from the University of Cape Town, brought to their midfield, they might have won. They might also have done so if Haly's kicking had not been so indifferent a month ago Haly kicked five goals from seven attempts to help Munster beat the Australians. Yesterday, he could not kick the cat.

But Oxford deserved their success. They brought many sterling qualities to the game. not least the incisive running of Spence on the wing and the kicking of Malone from standoff, both from hand and at goal. The Cambridge observers would have noticed, too, the speed of Lion-Cachet, the South African flanker.

enlivened by the deft handling

former internationals for Australia and France respectively. However, Barlow's well-intentioned hope of bringing them into play on his own goal-line came to grief when his long pass went nowhere and Spence collected the gift.

Barlow made amends with the break that sent Charvet streaming through and the visitors went ahead when Barclay turned up on the wrong wing to score. Oxford, though, led at the interval when Stanley's were caught napping at the lineout, Barry O'Mahony running through as the de-fenders waited for the whistle. The lead changed hands

again when Aitken, one of six South Africans on the field, burst clean through and sent Moore to the line for a try against his former university.
Generous to a fault, though,
Stanley's paid the penalty for
inaccurate passing and Spence intercepted, rode two ankle taps and strode 60 metres to the line.

Oxford did not lose the lead agairt. Although Hawker, whose tacking was a feature of the match, and Charvet set Barclay free and Moore scored from the consequent five-metre scrum, the University grew stronger. Ignoring the muddy conditions, they played the ball wide and Joy timed his run to the line for the final try. Scories: Cadord University. These Spance (2), B O'Mahony, Joy. Convensions: Melone (3), Major H V Startey's XV. Tries: Moore (2), Chenet, Barciey. CAFORD UNIVERSITY: M.Joy (Menting 63 and Keble): D Cunte (ROS High Wycombs and Tamphiston), "K Street (Ming Henry Will Coventy and Creat Crutch), D O'Mentony Christian Brothers, Cork, and Keble). D Spance (Sign, South Africa, and Keble): N Melatone (Methodist Coflege, Belisse, and Keble). "F du Tot (Pauf Rone Gymnesium, South Africa, and Crutch); "Buckett (Folywell HS and University)," "M Paston (Campbell Chiege, Belisse, and St. Arme's), B Nesser (St. Jangoha, Brisbere, and Keble), "D Bense (SPC Myndoln Camerithen and St. Arme's), J Carried (Manganata College, New Zealand, and St. Cathedre's), C. Can-Cachet (Pretents Boys HS, South Africa, and Keble), B O'Mathony (Presentation Brothers, Cork, and Keble), MAJOHRY STANLEYS XV: "Chely (Cork tre scrum, the University grew

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Key question: Eales, the Australian lock, whose place in the international depends on a fitness test today

Australia bank on Kahl at stand-off

BY DAVID HANDS

PAUL Kahl, the bank officer from Brisbane whose credit appeared to have run out earlier in the Australian tour of Ireland and Wales, will win his first international cap at stand-off half against the

Welsh on Saturday in Cardiff.
Kahl, 23, was named yesterday to fill the position occupied by Michael Lynagh until the Australian captain dislocated his shoulder during the win over Ireland last month. Since then, the management has toyed with the idea of playing Tim Horan out of position and looked at the qualities of Tim Wallace, the

Sir, "English jokes about Scot-tish goalkeepers can be laid to

rest ..." (Peter Ball, Novem-

ber 5). Since the provenance of

and influential southern me-

dia persons, Scottish goal-

In the televised Leeds Uni-

witnessed two evenly-matched

was the case in the first leg).

players in front of Goram who

scarcely put a foot wrong

either, but that is beside the

Two weeks earlier, your

football correspondent, Stuart

Jones, stated that Rangers

might win the battle, but

Leeds would win the war, an

overify biased view, followed through until the day of the second leg. This thinly-veiled England, England combat

rhetoric ultimately left its writ-

er with deserved egg on face.

homble

young Gordon player who replaced the injured Anthony Herbert a fortnight ago.

While Kahl, the original deputy to Lynagh, appeared to take a back seat—the game against Moramouth his fourth.

Tuesday was only his fourth appearance of the tour -Wallace received two games and Horan one at stand-off. But an obvious reluctance to break up the world's most successful centre pairing, Horan and Jason Little, cou-

nled with the inexperience of Wallace, left the management with no option but to choose Kahl in the knowledge that he has also played for Queens-land with Peter Slattery when-

Quasi-nationalistic sports journalism does a consider-able disservice to the readers of

a national newspaper. The mix of nationalities within

recent years, Scottish football

renders jingoistic support

The latter is best left to yobs

incapable of distinguishing

Union Jack from St George's

Cross, who terrorise their la-

ger-fuelled way across the Continent in the spurious cause of English football.

The Leeds manager, How-

ard Wilkinson (a northern

realist if ever there was), had no illusions about the task

facing his team in the second

leg, but to listen to the likes of

Jones was to believe that

Rangers were travelling to

Elland Road with a goals deficit instead of a lead. (But I

forget for a Scottish team

travelling anywhere outside Scotland, the result is a media

fait accompli, although it is worth recalling that the first British winner of the Euro-

Jones earlier enjoined

another common irrelevance:

redundant.

ever Lynagh has been unavailable. Presumably. Kahl's prima-

ry role will be to kick for position and hope his team dominates the lineout, where John Eales has been named despite his partial shoulder He is available "with a huge

proviso", Greg Craig, the Australian physiotherapist, said. Eales did light training yester-day and is improving rapidly but a final decision will be made today. If Eales is unfit, his replace-

ment is unlikely to be Garrick Morgan, who tore attachments to abdominal muscles at Ebbw Vale on Tuesday.

prove that the Scottish game

compares favourably with that in England." This is claptrap.

Rangers needed only to prove

United; this they did — twice,

and convincingly. The Eng-

lish game is no longer the

yardstick of all things good in

Meanwhile, I suppose

Rangers will stoically prepare

or southern media comments

about their unsuitability when compared with the "aristo-

crats" of the continental main-

land. For the moment, however, Walter Smith and

his nearly-Scottish team are

justifiably laughing all the way

We should applaud them

for their achievements thus

far, and wish them luck in the

difficult stages to come. On

second thoughts, why should

Rangers worry? They have a

Scottish goalkeeper!

Yours faithfully.

F. M. PERT.

Brook House,

3 Craig Walk,

Windermere,

botball.

to the bank.

Morgan's injuries will take three to four weeks to mend. The injury count is such that replacements have yet to be named, but David Campese,

who has had an ankle injury,

Wales yesterday called up Adrian Davies, the Cardiff threequarier, as a replacement on Saturday. Mike Rayer, his club-mate, was promoted to full back after Tony Clement withdrew injured on Tuesday.

AUSTRALIA: M C Roebuok (NSM): D 1
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T J Horen (Queensland), P V Carozze
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R J McCall (Queensland), J A Estee
(Queensland), O Wecon (Queensland), B T
Geen (NSW).

SPORTS POLITICS

Chancellor tempts authorities to sell playing fields

BY JOHN GOODSODY

MORE of Britain's playing fields may be sold for redevelopment in the next year because of a decision by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The annual conference of

the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) began yesterday amid fears that local authorities, many of whom are struggling to meet their financial commitments, would seize an unexpected chance to increase their income.

In the past, local authorities who have sold playing fields have been able to keep 50 per cent of the cash with the remaining 50 per cent having to go towards debt redemption. However, Lamont announced in his Autumn Statement that until November 1993 all the money could go straight to the local

Don Earley, the NPFA's field director, said: "We are worried about this threat because in recent years there has been a trend to sell school facilities in particular."

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the Central Council of which represents the national governing bodies, said: "This is a further cause of concern of the wholesale selling off of Britain's sporting heritage. It is the government ducking its real responsibilities and, instead drumming up shortterm cash measures to keep afloat town halls that are strapped for money."

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Robert Key, the minister for sport, who opened the conference in London, said that he was aware of the problem. "I am anxious that local authorities do not take advantage of this at the expense of the recreation of the local community. It would be very short-sighted if they did this."

The NPFA is working with the Sports Council, the government-linanced quango. and the CCPR to produce the first national register of playing fields. It will be published next May and the government has underwritten its £500,000

Meanwhile, the NPFA is seeking to ammend the Recreational Charities Act (1958) so that public playing fields that have been given in perpetuity and also receive grant aid should automatically be given charity status, which would make redevelopment more

BASEBALL

Draft favours youth

New York: The Colorado Rockies and the Florida Marlins, who will start to compete in the National League next spring, favoured youth over experience on Tuesday in their draft of 72 professionals. Denver made the first selec-

tion, Dave Nied, a highly regarded right-handed pricher from the Atlanta Braves. Florida opened with a power-hitting outfield prospect, Nigel Wilson, from the Toron-

clubs could protect 15 players in the first round and additional players as the threeround draft progressed. Several big-name players were unprotected by owners eager to trim payrolls.
Building for the future

and poignantly avoiding huge contracts themselves - the expansion teams bypassed Jack Morris, of Toronto, Bob Welch, of Oakland, Eddie Murray, of the Mets, and Danny Tartabull, of the Yankees. (Agencies)

SCHOOLS SPORT

Myth scuppered as south prevails

in English schools' football has been thrown into turmoil by the results from the first independent schools knockout tournament.

The Boodle and Dunthorne Cup attracted 28 teams, pitting south against north, yet only two northern schools have survived to the quarterfinals. St Bede's, Manchester, earned a tie with Brentwood after a late goal gave them a 2-I win at Ardingly. Shrewsbury face Highgate after dispatch-

ing Latymer Upper 2-0. The new favourites are Forest, from East Ham, who play Lancing for a semi-final place on November 30. Lancing have already beaten Forest but that was a Forest side without Quinton Fortune, the influential young South African who is signed to Tottenham as an associate school-

Hisao Iijima, the prolific scorer for Lancing, hit two as the Sussex school survived the long trip to Hulme grammar school, in Oldham, where they won 3-2. Brentwood, who have Frank Lampard, the son of the former West Ham stalwart, Frank Lampard, in

THE New Zealand touring

party will long associate Wembley, Manchester and

Leicester with resounding vic-

tories (Louise Taylor writes).

The Silver Fern squad has

flown home, celebrating three

wins out of three against England, ending with a 58-33

triumph at Granby Halls,

That was the closest encoun-

ter of a series in which New

Zealand totalled 180 goals to

England's 93. Liz Broomhead

and her England squad have

their work cut out before

1995, when Britain stages the

By then, some of the under-

21 squad can expect to have

graduated to Broomhead's se-

nior party. The under-21s are

in Fiji for the world youth

tournament, in which they are

in a group with New Zealand.

Papua New Guinea, Fiji,

world championship.

Leicester, last Saturday.

side where half the team is The third of the long-distance travellers. Bradfield.

when they beat Bolton 1-0. the north is the schools

perspective. "The first round of the

by reputation." The semi-finals will be played in the Lent term and once the finalists are known the search for a ground to host the final will begin. QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: Branwood Bade's, Bradfeld v Charterhouse; Fore Lanong; Highgala v Strewabury.

Vanuatu and Tonga. Inade-

quate sponsorship goes some way towards explaining why

England are a poor fourth in

the world to New Zealand's second, but Liz Nicholl, the All

England Netball Association's

chief executive, is optimistic

that television coverage of this

series will have helped to

"But New Zealand played some marvellous neiball and

"England lost," she said

attract backers.

BY CHRISTOPHER DIGITION

THE expected pecking order their side, face a St Bede's made up of 15-year-olds.

NETBALL

England look ahead

rather exploded the myth that footballing stronghold, Mark Dickson, the master in charge at Shrewsbury and the tournament organiser, said. put into some sort of

asgainst sides they know only

Scottish football puts forward strong case From Mr Frank Pert

also had a worthwhile trip

keepers and supporters will doubtless be duly grateful and "The results so far have ted v Rangers encounter I sides play exciting football (as and, yes. "... Andy Goram's contribution to Rangers' sto-But the results need to be cess did Scottish football proud." There were ten other

competition was played on a regional basis and some of the stronger northern schools were knocking each other out of the cup. The schools play-ing in the tournament have taken to it and, despite some long journeys, it has been welcomed by masters who are able to take on testing fixtures

Better choice

From Mr J. L. Wall Sir, It is surprising, after their tour of Ireland and Wales, that Australia's rugby union fixture with the Barbarians should be played at Twickenham, especially in view of the

Tour perspective

half-complete new East Stand. The National Stadium, Cardiff, or even Lansdowne Road, would surely have been more appropriate under the circum-

pean Cup was Scottish.)

If the intention, however, was to broaden the venues to a wider public, which would be

entirely consistent with the laudable standards of the Barbarians, surely Murrayfield would have been a better choice. Yours etc

JEFFREY L. WALL 14 Cavendish Road, Barnet, Hertfordshire.

Outdated view

From Dr Asoka Thenabadu Sir, You report that England's cricket tour to Sri Lanks next March may be under threat because of the bomb that exploded in Colombo this week (report, November 17). This incident was caused by a snicide bomber and was directed at the navy commander. The IRA is threaten-

ing British politicians and

public on a daily basis but life

and Test matches go on in

the internationals from spite of the threats. Manchester and Leicester in I hope that the Test and particular made for exciting County Cricket Board will keep this incident in perspec-"We were also encouraged tive when it makes its decision by the fact that they were both over whether to proceed with the tour.

Self-Outs."

ENGLAND UNDER-21 SOLIAD (In Fil), N
Andrews (Cheshire); S Brown (Bedford-shire), N Gusbrial (Bedfordshire), J Hali
(Grestor Marchester), J Lower (Midde-sex), J Manaon (Bedfordshire), C Maskell
(Essex Metropolitan), S Olden (Derbystire),
L Sheridan (Bedfordshire), A Wood (Nol-inchtsmistire), A Woods (Sufford), J Zhizan
(Middlesse). Yours faithfully. ASOKA THENABADU, 29 Longdown Lane North, Epsoni Surrey.

From Mr Reinie Boossen

Sir, As a South African proud of both my Afrikaans and English parentage, I was deeply offended to see the Springbok rugby team referred to by Simon Barnes as "the usual bunch of rampaging Neanderthals" (Saturday portrait, November 14).

I wonder what England's chattering classes would say if Barnes said the same thing about, for example, the Westem Samoan rugby team? Barnes also fails to support a

central premise of his article about Jeremy Guscott - that the Springboks and South African rugby supporters in general dislike Guscott because he is black - by quoting a single South African. This is not good enough. While South Africans are trying desperately to disman-

racism, it seems you wish to promote prejudice in the form of a perverse, anti-Afrikaner xenophobia.

English-speaking South Africans have long realised the stupidity of indulging in an indiscriminate hatred of Afrikaners. It's time for Barnes to catch up. Yours sincerely,

REINIE BOOYSEN, 33 Mablethorpe Road, SW6.

Pyjama names From Mr Peter Fleming

Sir, In the search for cricketing names (Sports Letters. October 29, November 5, 12) how about Worcestershire

PETER FLEMING, Albion Street, tle prejudice in the form of Lewes, East Sussex.

National side paramount

From Mr R. Tennant

SPORTS LETTERS

Sir. In advocating that English clubs should play international touring sides. Mr Simon Hickmott (Sports Letters, November 12) has missed the point of modern

English rugby.

Today it is all about winning, and in England that means the national team winning. Touring teams are here for the benefit of the selection system and not for the enjoyment of the game.

it used to be said that new internationals on joining the team would be told to keep calm and not expect the game to be as good as their last chib game. Now, despite the squad sessions, training weekends and relatively long build-up periods before matches, there is probably still some truth in

the remark. So the purpose of touring teams playing the divisions and England B is to retain credibility for the divisional championship and introduce aspiring players to the greater pace but lesser instinctive organisation that comes of playing with team-mates of long standing.

To arrange fixtures with the Baths and Harlequins would be to demean the divisional championship, enhance the status of the senior clubs (so allowing the possibility of a super league) and, to some extent, restore the standing of the county championship. which is all against the admir istrative policies of the Rugby Football Union.

Whilst such fixtures with top clubs may produce more entertaining rugby for the spec-tator, be applauded by the senior clubs and supported by the counties, it is not seen as fitting in with the buildingblocks policy of producing a winning England team, beside which all else must fall.

That it seems to be working in Wales is merely to draw attention to a different administrative structure, where clubs are all, and local passions are not dissipated through county and divisional layers.

But do remember that London, in the guise of Counties or Division, have beaten New Zealand and Australia in the past, or did parochial commitment have something to do with that? Yours faithfully.

RON TENNANT. 57 Boveney Road,

Bumpy slope of sponsorship

From Mrs E.A. G. Crossley

Sir, Legislation was necessary to prevent the exploitation of children working in coal mines, but how about children in sport?

You report (November 17) that Carl Cooper, at the age of seven, has sponsorship of £50,000 to enable him to ski and compete in tournaments of his own age-group through-out the European winter season.

To protect young children from competing too young, the International Ski Federation does not allow children to compete internationally until they are 12; the same age-limit applies to British compet-

Young children need fun and variety in sport and school and to keep their options open. Seven is too young to choose a child's future and make it work. In your photograph Carl is in a position which no child should be asked to hold in case of knee damage.

What a shame the sponsorship didn't go to our intrepid downhillers! They can and do compete successfully and are old enough to make their own minds up. Yours faithfully. **ELSPETH CROSSLEY**

COOKE

Little Coxwell House, Faringdon,

From Mr Robert C. Copeman Sir. In contrast to the case of Carl Cooper, some proven winners in British sport find it difficult to get sufficient sponsorship; too many of the public

believe that all Olympic gold

medal-winners are earning a

fortune. I am invioved in raising moneys for Olympians who have already won six gold, two silver and two bronze medals at Olympic Games, as well as numerous world, European and other championship medals. All of them are prepared to stay in training until the next Olympics, when they stand an

excellent chance of winning at

least four golds. Depsite this they are still so poorty supported that their mised and they are being denied access to available technology and expenise. In any other developed country they would be seen as national assets and would be professionally supported, but not in Britain, where too many of the media seem to regard the fouryear Olympic cycle as perhaps three months of excess

interest. Yours sincerely R. C. COPEMAN. PO Box 174, Birmingham 5.

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WORD-WETCHING

HABVEY SMITH

(c) The V-sign as a gesture of defiance or contempt, an eponym from its nomenciator, Robert Harvey Smith, born 1938, a stout and chippy British show-jumper, with reference to a gesture made at the judges during a televised event in 1971. Explained by Harvey Smith as a Victory sign: "Centuries from now, people may still refer to a two-fingered gesture as a Harvey Smith."

RAMMIES (c) Trousers, especially in Australia and South Africa, a shortened form (if you have a South African or Oz accent) of "round-the-bouses", rhyming slang for trousers: "If I was you, young feller,' he said, 'I'd leave them rammies on'."

(a) An attractive young woman; accordingly foxy, of a woman, means sexually attractive. Nobody knows why: "Daddy, she was a real fox." "White female, 21 years old and foxy, would like to hear from a

LONG-SLEEVER (c) Mainly Australian, a drink in a long glass; or the long glass itself; X. Herbert, 1975: "The priest got out the whisky bottle. Sims had a

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

The diversionary factic | Rxa8! does the trick, e.g. | ... Rxa8 2 nxb5 and white has won a piece.



Goosen a qualified success in tour's test of nerve

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN MONTPELLIER

KEN Schofield thinks it is a great process, "A week of opportunity," was how he described it. Youngsters like Ian Garbutt, Andrew Coltart and Retief Goosen probably agree with Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European Tour, now. Glenn Raiph, Tony Charnley and David Williams probably think the whole thing stinks, and Mike Miller knows it does. "It's a ten-day sentence and a very heavy fine," he said. "I'd rather spend time in

Miller, an affable Scotsman who was rookie of the year in 1979, was exaggerating but after battling through six rounds at the tour qualifying school at Montpellier and

well outside the top 40 yesterday, he was entitled to. The money is not quite the same on the Tartan and Challenge

Ralph, who started with three rounds of 71 but fin-ished 78, 77, 77, for a total of 445, 13 over, was left to rue the extra putter found in his bag in Switzerland. It cost him a two-shot penalty, he missed the cut by one and missed staying on the tour by £269. Charnley finished with a 78, to beat Ralph by a shot. and after 18 years on tour must contemplate a change in circumstances

Williams, who had not needed to attend the school since he won his card in 1979, was placed agonisingly on 439, one shot outside the top 40. Out in 36, level par, at

finishing on 443, 11 over par, Massane yesterday, his confidence, always fragile, was destroyed at the 13th, where he hauled his second shoc. with an eight-iron, left and then missed an 18-inch putt. He also dropped shots at the next two holes and another at the 18th, to limp home in 40, for a 76.

"I hit that one bad shot and it just put the doubt in my mind," Williams said. "It's a constant rollover, week after week of doubting yourself. It just gets harder and harder." Now, like several others, he had to cope with what he called, "the fear of the

Also venturing into the unknown, but in a much happier frame of mind, were Goosen, Garbutt and Coltart, ssors of cards one. eight and 17 respectively. Goosen,



Africa, had a 70, two under par, to finish leading qualifier 427, five under. Ole Eskildsen, who represented Denmark in the World Cup in Madrid, was a stroke

Peter Thuel, a tenaciously persisaent German - this was his tenth visit to the school third on 429.

Out early, they had no need to spend anxious hours in front of the scoreboard - the wailing wall as it is known to veterans of the process. It was not a fate that awaited Garbutt or Coltart either.

Garbutt, 20, the former English amateur champion, from Wheatley in Yorkshire, only turned professional last month when he successfully pre-qualified at Valencia. He vas the leading Briton, on 433, one over par, and a flawless final round of 68, eeded it, indicated that he might be a man with a

and great temperament and the way he plays within himself. Four birdies in the first eleven holes was coolness personified and the lad from Doncaster did not drop a shot, more than justifying the support of Peter Robinson. the Yorkshire dentist who rang Garbatt, unsolicited, 14 months ago and asked if he

could help him. "He gave me £65 a week and a company car," Garbuit, who used to work as a plaster monkey in the false teeth. division of the Robinson business, said. "He also paid for me to come here and I don't. think I could have done it

As an England team-mate of Jim Payne, this season's rookie of the year, and Gary Evans, Garbutt knows great

the personable Scot who was on the Walker Cup team at Portmarnock last year, also kept the jitters and the excitement at the thought of hitting the Volvo tour next year at bay. His final 71 gave him 2 total of 435. "I'll be having a beer," he said. "Followed by

There would be a lot of people doing that, for one reason or another. But not Bill Longmuir. He shot 77, enough to earn the 29th card, and headed off for Houston. where he will be attending the final US tour qualifying school next week. The Scot, aged 39, was once Mr Basildon. Now he must surely earn the title of Mr Glatton for Punishment. Two qualifying schools in two weeks is no way



TENNIS

Ivanisevic illustrates that indoor surface serves his game well

By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent

GORAN Ivanisevic could not hide his confidence before the start of the ATP championship in Frankfurt and little in a regulation drubbing of Michael Chang in his opening group match will have dampened his spirits.

Fourteen aces sped past the diminutive American, who had to resort to a strange variety of tactics, ranging from the merely unsettling to the total suicidal in his vain efforts to match brawn with brain.

The Croatian was more concerned by an affront to his dignity than the prospect of defeat as he emerged with pride intact from a 7-6, 6-2 victory. "I was a little bit nervous because it was my first match in these finals,"

Chang tried every trick in the book to knock Ivanisevic off his serving rhythm, but with only fleeting success.

"He was trying to return strange," the Croatian explained. "First, he was standing like some woman was erving. Then he went back a the field here will relish the

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bit, then he came in again." Ivanisevic was unimpressed. "If I serve like that," Ivanisevic said, "he can stand where he likes." True enough.

For a set, Chang's ability to run down almost anything seemed to frustrate Ivanisevic, but once the Wimbledon finalist had calmed his initial nerves and taken the first set 7-4 in the tie-break, it became an increasingly one-sided affair.

Ivanisevic has lost just four of his 25 matches on indoor carpet, a surface that suits him well, as Stefan Edberg, for one, will recall.

The Swede was on the receiving end of a bombardment in the final of the tournament in Stuttgart earlier in the year as Ivanisevic clocked up a total of 105 aces in five matches to win the second of his four titles this year, and again at Wimbledon, when he recorded an astonishing 206 aces in reach-

ing the final. Whatever happens for the rest of the week - and lew in

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prospect of another meeting with the biggest server of the lot - Ivanisevic already has his sights set on more distant prizes. "After reaching the final of Wimbledon and my results this year. I think that one day I will be able to become No. 1," he said. "But I will have to win a grand siam [tournament] before I can do

The prospect is not altogether appealing because, on any surface other than day, Ivanisevic's powerplay is an acquired taste; though he is always good value off court. "I will never be like Bjorn Borg."

Pete Sampras and Boris Becker indulged in a bigserving duel in their opening group match, swapping aces for 106 minutes before one slice of good fortune decided the issue for the defending

champion, 7-6, 7-6. A desperate net cord on the second point of the second set tie-break left Becker stranded and gave Sampras a precious advantage, which he held to the end. Becker served 14 aces to Sampras's 13, but six double-faults proved costly for the German, who faces an uphill struggle to qualify for the semi-finals on Saturday.

Two tie-breaks, you cannot

get closer than that," he said. There were only two break points in the whole match, neither successful. "I didn't lose my service the whole time and nor did he," Becker said. "The difference was two or three points and he was the man who played those two or three shots just better." The accuracy of the summary. though, could not hide the thought that it used to be Becker who called the vital

"I always have a hard time playing Boris, especially in-doors," Sampras added. "I just happened to win the big points." Of the net cord, he said: "That was the biggest point for me and I got a little momentum from it."

RESULTS: Ken Rosewall group: P Sampres (US) bt 8 Becker (Ger), 7-6, 7-6. Rod Lever group: G heristwic (Circ) bi M Chang (US), 7-6, 8-2.



In control: McNeil on her way to victory against Graf in the Virginia Slims championship

McNeil finds form to upset Graf

FROM BARRY WOOD IN NEW YORK

LORI McNeil, who has promised so much but often delivered so little, came good on Tuesdaywith a first-round victory over Steffi Graf in the Virginia Slims championships at Madison Square Gamen.

Once in the too ten, the 28year-old from Houston has been better known for her mental fragility than her graceful talents since those heady days of 1988. Having apparently lost her way by

becoming bedazzled with the trappings of stardom, which included a close friendship with Mike Tyson and his former wife, the actress, Robin Givens, McNeil has this year regained her focus with the help and wisdom of John Williamon, her coach. Now an increasingly potent force, she showed an impressive resilience under pressure against Graf, and faith in a game plan that led her to attack at every opportunity, no matter what the short-

term consequences. Graf, who had not lost before the quarter-finals of any Kraft tour event since she was beaten by Jo Durie at Brighton in 1985, offered no excuses. She had led 5-1 in the first set and 4-2 in the second, but lost 7-6, 6-4, double faulting on set point in the tiebreak, and cruelly beaten by a

net cord on match point. Last month at Brighton, a defensive approach led to McNeil taking just two games from Graf, but the had learnt her lesson well. "I stayed aggressive, and that was the key. That's my strength. Even when I was down I was serving well but just missing

some volleys. But I had made my mind up what I was going served to win."

to do, and just kept going." pointed to end the year on such a note, especially after tournaments. Graf could draw some consolation from the fact that she had not succumbed to defeat as the result of her own careless

shortcomings. Graf said: "In the first set I played some great termis. I attacked her serve and returned really well, and that suddenly disappeared.

"She played an extremely good match. She made very few mistakes, came in, kept the ball very low on some deep approaches, and there was nothing I could do. I never under-estimate her, but I didn't expect her to be that consistent. She really de-

The match was an extremely entertaining confrontation that featured two players who refused to give an inch, in-stead dedicating themselves to an all-out attack.

By contrast, the rest of the programme failed to hold the attention of the 13,000 crowd. So disappointing was the first set of Jana Novotna'a. match against Mary Joe Fernandez that people left in droves, with just a couple of thousand witnessing the Czechoslovak's 7-6, 6-2

victory. Even fewer stayed until midnight to watch Conchita Martinez defeat Katerina Malecva 6-4, 6-3.

RESULTS: First round: L McNeil (US) bi 8 Gast (Ger), 7-8, 6-4; J Novotna (Co) bi M J Farnanciaz (US), 7-6, 6-2; C Maraknaz (Spi) bi K Minisova (Bul), 6-4, 6-3.

HOCKEY

Bolgar breaks motiveless stalemate

Cambridge University 1 London University...... 0

By Sydney Preskin

LATE goel by Danny Bolgar silenced London Univerrity and settled an argument that looked like ending in stalemate at Coldham's Common yesterday. With both sides teching in ideas, petither could find the space for clear shots and much of the play was consequently confined to

London, who raised their game in the second half, were unlucky to lose. For the want of a pattern, seven short cor-

ners were squandered.

London could have set the game alight by scoring from their first short corner, after 16 minutes, but Cambridge came nearer to a conversion, after 21 minutes, when a shot from Carver was saved by Geffcock. London increased the pace in the second half and earned four short corners in quick succession, but the Cambridge defenders, with a succession of dashes from the line, denied the visitors a chance to

Against the run of play, Cambridge took the lead in the 56th minute. Arscott dispatched a centre from the left to Bolgar, who worked his way past a couple of defenders to score with an angled shot.

With time ticking away. London desperately sought the equaliser, but Blishen denied them by rushing out to Stop McAllister.

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SQUASH

Courtlands crush Nottingham

By COILIN MCQUILLAN

said. "I don't like it but I have

been struggling with lower back pain and hamstring

problems all week. Going on

could have risked serious

THE rout of the England old guard by the young Court-lands club squad continued in the SRA Women's Super-

league this week. Courtlands won 3-0 away over Nottingham, leaving the Thorpe Bay side firmly on top of the table — six points ahead of Nottingham.

With Martine Le Moignan, the England No. 2, humbled in their first fixture against Windsor, the Courtlands squad this time accounted for Lisa Opie and Suzanne Homer.

They also picked up the added bonus of beating the Irish No. 1. Rebecca O'Callaghan, at third string. Opie, 29, managed only one full game against Cassan-

dra Jackman, 19, the England

No. 1. After the opening rally of the first game, Opie was holding her back in apparent discomfort. Three points into the second, she was holding out her

"I have only stopped a couple of times before," Opie

hand in surrender.

"I'll have in stop playing now to sort out my body in time for the British Open in April.

My leg muscles are so wasted from not training that I could not even shift four



kilograms in the gym this Homer and O'Callaghan,

also approaching their thirties after long careers at the top of the women's game, were un-able: to resist determined counter-attacks from Sue Wright, 22, the national champion, and Fiona Geaves, 24, who is ranked sixth in England.

Homer won the first two games playing at her fluent and athletic best, held a 4-0 lead in the fourth game and four match balls from 8-5 in

Typically, though, Wright refused to allow her the last vital point.

O'Callaghan held game balls for a 2-1 lead in the thirdstring rubber but fell increasingly away from the characteristic front-court attack Geaves waged through the tiring clos-

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RACING 45

Ladbrokes make Jodami 5-1 for Hennessy after fine trial

By Richard Evans, racing correspondent

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Nicholson commented: "I

hoped he was fit enough to do

himself justice but no decision

will be made about the Hennessy until the weekend

Gifford: keeping close

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MICHAEL Dillon, the eminence grise of horserace betting, has taken a view - and thrown the betting for the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup into confusion. The Ladbrokes' odds-maker

yesterday installed Jodami as 5-1 favourite for the Newbury showpiece despite defeat on his seasonal debut at Haydock. Peter Beaumont's chaser,

one of the top novices last year. jumped beautifully throughout the Edward Hanmer Memorial Chase but tired on the long run-in and was deprived of victory by Run For Free. "Very impressive. A terrific

performance by a proper racehorse and the Hennessy sums second-season chasers." Dilion commented after chalking up his big-race favourite.

A few hundred miles away at Kempton Park, the William Hill representative offered 12-1 against Jodami, which lasted as long as toast at breakfast time. The price was quickly trimmed to 10-1, while Corals offer 8-1. Both firms have Captain Dibble as favourite.

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With the previous three winners of the Hennessy Chatam, Arctic Call and Ghofar — all having been in their second season as chasers and Jodami set to carry 10st 2lb, the Ladbroke caution is understandable

3.55 Abbot Of Furness.

down to Bradbury Star when beating Run For Free in the Mumm Mildmay Chase at Aintree in April, left the seasoned chaser Romany King for dead as yesterday's race began in carnest in the

straight.
"We knew he would need the race and he will be better for it. He jumped really well," Beaumont said

Mark Dwyer, who partnered Galway Blaze to Hennessy success in 1985, remarked: That was fantastic. He jumped brilliantly and only got tired at the finish."

Run For Free is far from certain to run in the Hennessy, especially if, as expected, Peter Scudarnore partners Chatarn, last year's winner, who has been again laid out for the race by Martin

Yesterday's winner, who will have provided Pipe with a good indication of Chatam's chances, may be aimed at the Rehearsal Chase followed by the Coral Welsh National. Gambling Royal, the progressive chaser trained by David Nicholson, also thrust himself into the Hennessy

picture after running out an easy winner of the TriplePrint Boxing Day Trial Chase at Kempton. Looking as though he would come on for his season-

Jodami, who just went al debut, Gambling Royal's and we see how he has come victory will have produced many a cheer at a Cornwall out of the race. "It has been a bit of a rush

meat packing business. etting him here. He has been Graham Roach, the former back in only five weeks. When permit holder and owner of he fell at Liverpool in April he Gambling Royal, employs around 600 people at St chipped a bone in his hock and so needed a long time off. Austell and many snapped up Graham has done all the work the 25-1 being offered earlier in the month, Ladbrokes now on him at home."

The Gambling Royal victory provided Richard Dunwoody with the middle leg of a 76-1 treble, begun with Calapez in the Arlington Premier Series Chase and completed by Camelot Knight, who is closely related

to Tipping Tim.

Josh Gifford confirmed

Bradbury Star is most likely to run in the H & T Walker Chase at Ascot on Saturday for which he is now 11-4 favourite, provided there is no heavy

"I don't think he would want it too soft. If it got boggy in Swinley Bottom I would not run. He wants life in the The Findon trainer also has

Deep Sensation in the race and confided he is the preferred choice of many of his lads, before adding, tongue in cheek, "but they have never been right before."

Gifford was speaking after saddling a hurdling double. completed with the minimum of fuss by Run Up The Flag and Poors Wood.

Kempton feature has new sponsor

By RICHARD EVANS

THE new sponsor of the King George VI Chase, jumping's mid-season highlight, is negotiating to buy a horse to win his own race.

George Ward, chairman of Europe's largest independent colour photo processing company, is supporting the two-day Christmas jumping festival at Kempton to take his sponsorship in British racing to around £500,000 a

Ward, whose leading brand names are TriplePrint and BonusPrint, said: "I have a horse in mind for the King George which I think would be capable of winning the race, not necessarily this year. Negotiations are underway. It would be a lovely finish to a

nice story."

Already Kempton's longest established sponsor, Ward adopts a strictly business attitude to supporting racing.
"It is not philanthropic. It is commercially viable and valuable. It is also pleasurable and While the names of Ward's

businesses and products will be incorporated into the names of 11 of the 12 races at the Christmas meeting, the main attraction will be called the King George VI Chase, sponsored by TriplePrint.

MANDARIN

3.00 Rockton

1.30 Midfielder.

2.30 Ragian Road.

3.30 SAINT CIEL (nap).

RICHARD EVANS: 2.00 Jimmy The Gillie.

1.00 Castle Courageous.

Twin Oaks can scale heights again on favoured course

TWIN Oaks, who has been MANDARIN beaten only once in seven races at Haydock, returns to his happy hunting ground today to contest the Tim Molony Memorial Chase

under top weight. However, that defeat in the Greenalls Gold Cup last March was far from being a disgrace because he was endeavouring to give weight when third to the subsequent Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, Cool Ground, and the inform Kildimo.

Prior to that Twin Oaks had been in invincible form there. winning the Mitsubishi Shogun Trophy and the Peter Marsh Handicap in the space of a formight in January.

Twin Oaks had first shown his liking for the Lancashire track the season before when he picked up a \$50,000 bonus by winning four times in succession there. Faced with the choice of

going for either the more valuable Edward Hanmer Memoria! Chase there yesterday or today's longer feature race, Gordon Richards picked the latter because Twin Oaks will be meeting his four rivals between 15lb and 38lb better terms than if they were able to compete from off their official

rating.
In the circumstances Twin Oaks will have to be well below his best not to benefit and that is not the case according to reports coming out Greystoke.
Of those who have run.

WINCANTON

THUNDERER

1.00 Castle Courageous

1.30 Green Willow.

2.30 Raglan Road.

3.30 James The First

3.00 Boraceva

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Paco's Boy and Otterburn

House have performed the Martin Pipe's Paco's Boy finished second to Romany King at Exerer, while Otterburn House beat the subsequent Newton Abbot winner Buddington on his

seasonal debut at Uttoxeter. But with Onerburn House now required to carry two stone more than his mark in the long handicap, Lo Stregone (2.55) and Persian House (3.25) look more likely winners for his jockey Mark Dwyer.

Lo Stregone, my selection for the White Lodge Novices' Hurdle, was one of the best bumpers in Ireland last season, winning twice at Leopardstown and also at

Punchestown. He also ran well enough in valuable novice hurdles at Fairyhouse and Punchestown to suggest that he can make telling use of the weight he now receives from the easy Carlisle winner High

Alltitude. Persian House, my choice for the Makerfield Novices' Chase, was unfortunate to come up against the useful Fighting Words at Wetherby last time, having won nicely enough himself at Market Rasen the time before

Abbot Of Furness, who captured the Tennents Lager Hurdle by 12 lengths at Avr last Saturday, should be capable of defying only a 4lb penalty in the Haydock Gold Card Hurdle, thus becoming a second winner for the Gor-

don Richards stable. At Wincanton, Boraceva. Rocktor and Foyle Fisherman. who finished second, third and fifth respectively behind Captain Dibble in the Badger Beer Chase at the last meeting on the Somerset track, renew rivalry in the Lord Stalbridge

Memorial Gold Cup. On the previous occasion, Boraceva finished a neck ahead of Rocktor with Foyle Fisherman 40 lengths behind.

That however was a handicap with a weight range limited to 21lb. In today's handicap Rocktor is 6lb better off with Boraceva and looks capable of winning.

Today's nap though is Saint Ciel to win the Batcombe Novices' Handicap Hurdle in the care of Adrian Maguire. This Frank Jordan-trained four-year-old has been honed for the occasion by a good run on the Flat 12 days ago at Doncaster, where he was beaten a neck and the same by

Pippin Park and Lots Of Luck. Saint Ciel only has to run as well as he did in his first race over hurdles at Newbury last season, when he was beaten a length-and-a-half by Kayfaat, to take full advantage of his lenient mark in today's handicap.

TAYEDOG SARKET MANDARIN 1.25 Only A Rose. 1.25 Only A Rose. 1.55 Bad Trade. 2.25 Twin Oaks. 2.25 Twin Oaks. ; 2.55 High Althouse. 2.55 Lo Stregone. 3.25 Persian House.

3.55 SWITCH (nap).

RICHARD EVANS: 3.55 Switch.

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1991: MONTESEL 11-4 E Wordsy (2-15 big N Twiston-Davies & six FORM FOCUS

RELTEGRITY heat Tyron Good 8 in a 9-meser novice hardle at Windsox (Znc, good). ORLY A ROSE best Savete 359 in a 13-turner novice VCTION 1394 3rd of 4 to Chult Wind in a novice hurdle at Carlose on perutismate start (Zn 11, good to firm).

ALICE'S MERROR 171 4th of 20 to Miss Hyde in a 13-turner (Lin & 1594, good to firm).

 ${f 1.55}$ rainford conditional jockeys handicap chase \cdot (£2,217: 2m 4f) (3 runners) 201 1/1-13P TRI FOLENE 14 (8,00,F,6,5) (0 L'Estrange) M Plan 6-12-0__ CO2 STIR-23 BAD TRADE IS (D.B.F.G.S) (P Pillor) W.A. Suptamen 18-11-1 A Larmoth 200 STE4-43 CRCULATION 19 (C.G) (J.Saglelon) D McCain 6-10-2 June 51
BETTING: 11-8 Bad Trade, 6-4 Circulation, 5-2 Til Februs

1991; CROCK-NA-NEE 10-10-11 M Moloney (9-2) & Bichards 5 mm FORM FOCUS

TRI FOLENE 7 H 3 and 6 to Tipping Tom in a handicap chaps at Hesham (2m thanks; price of 9 to Laurie 0 is a handicap chaps at Hesham (2m thanks; put a better eitent when besting Armagret 13 in an 8-numer handicap chaps over the same course and distance (good). BAD TRADE 4341 3x1

Selection: TRI FOLENE 2.25 TIM MOLONY MEMORIAL CHASE (Handicap: £4,532: 3m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

BETTING: 6-5 Texts Calcs, 9-4 Pacco's Boy. 11-4 Oligathers House, 10-1 Formula One, 25-1 Unicel. 1991: HOTPLATE 8-11-7 & McCourt (13-8 tm) () McCate 4 mm FORM FOCUS

Haydock Park

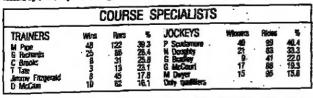
Going: soff
12.55 (2m ndie) 1. TEXAS SCRAMBLE (A Magure, 9-4 lau), 2. The Titan Ghost (D J Mofton, 20-1), 3. Mayo Man (P Niver, 11-4) ALSO RAN: 11-4 Rolling The Bones (w), 5 Fragonard in, 20 Titan Gri (4m), 32 Dot's Jester (put, 7 ran, 3k; 5i, 5i B Baugh at Little Heywood Tote: £3 40, £1 50, £9.70. DE 527,90 CSF £24 24

1.25 (2m ch) 1. LAST 'O' THE BUNCH IN Doughly, 11-10); 2. Sure Metal (6 Bradley, 6-11 hay 2 ran. 15t. G Richards at Grey-stoke Tote £1.90

sione Tote £1.80 1.55 (3m) 1, RUN FOR FREE (P Scude-more, 11-8, 2, Jodami, M Dwyer, 3-1); 3, Romany King (R Guest, 13-8), ALSO RAN-20 Knoth Oil (4th), 4 ran, 3l, 29, 101 M Pipe ar Wellington Tote £2.30 DF £2.70, CSF: 25.37

25 37
2.25 (2m hdiel 1, PERSUASIVE (Mr M. Burbley, 100-30 Jr tev), 2, Gallaneen (N. Brushley, 100-30 Jr tev), 3, Signor Sassie (M. Bryet, 4-11 ALSO RAN 100-30 Jr tev (Santaray (Du.) 9-2 Mazmor (ath), 12 Capricom bing (pu) 6 ran. 2, 1%, 2% Mass L. Perrair at Ayr Tole £4.40, £2.10, £1 60 DF £5.20 CSF, £14.12.

TWIN DAKS 27161 Sin of 40 Party Politics to the Myriell Grand National at Ambree (Am At, good to soft) Previously, 8761 3rd of 11 to Cool Ground in a handloop chase at Ember (Am 11, good), OTTER-handloop chase over course and distance (good to soft) PORAMIA O'RE showed some law form two 22.cons ago, including when beating Roy's Dream Selection: TWIN DAKS



IONES RAMC's best effort loss lerm was when 15th 1 2nd of 17 to Everatio in a handicap handle at 1 Ulticoster Chr., soil). SWITCH best Jakamid 2i is a 1 Entres handicap handle at Wastestier Chr. 2n 2t. soil). ABBOT OF FURNESS best Exide Wastes 12i is a 5-commer handicap hundle at Ayr (2n 4t, good ... Selection: ABBOT OF FURNESS best Exide Wastes 12i is a 5-commer handicap hundle at Ayr (2n 4t, good ... Selection: ABBOT OF FURNESS

BETTERS: 15-8 Akbot Ol Forness, 5-2 Switch, 7-2 Village Reinster, 5-1 Kings Rack, 10-1 Manufilla.

Hill lands Southwell treble TRAINER John Hill left the course a happy man after Klair whose odds tumbled completing a 377-1 treble at from 25-1 to 5-1 before beat-

pm. 8t, 10f. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting.
Tote: £1.80. DF: £2.20. CSF. £3.55
S.00 (2m hdle) 1, POORS WOOD (D Murphy, 14-1); 2. The Glow P Holley, 5-1); 3, Chapet Hit (S McNell, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 5-2 lev Frant Rich (pul, 9-2 See Sasrch (6th), 10 Stappens Cuey, 20 Fer Run (5th), 25 Turf Run, 33 Hot Lase, 50 Spatten Dresm (f), The Portsoy Loon (4th), Whatmoreconiasistor, Chudsanio, Bruce Buckley, Alfed's Team. 15 ms. NRTs: Bibbo Beggins, Winter Spails, 3, 318, 20, 14, 52, 15 Giffand at Frincish Tote: £14.20; £2.90, £2.10, £1 TJ, DF: £41-90 CSF: £79.55.
S.30 (5tm ch) 1, CAMSLOT (NIGHT IR

52.10, \$1 70. DF: £47-90 CSP: £79.85. (3m; ch) 1, CAMELOT RHIGHT (R Durwoody, 6-1); 2, Cusyage (B de Hasn, 20-1); 3, Whitsile Blower (C Llewellyn, 33-1), ALSO RAN: 4-6 is Procco (Fell, 5 Doss & Matter (pu), 8 News Review (4th), 14 Senegatais (5th), 7 mm, 7, 20L. Mess H Koppin at Wantage, Tote: \$5.50; £2.10, £4.20 DF: £41.70 CSF: £83.24.

12.40 (7) 1. Irish Roots (F Norton, 33-1); 2. Mester Sincler (6-4 tev); 3. Knobbleenseze (7-2). 12 ran. Sh hd. 4f. C Tinker. Tota: 537-70; Ea60; £1.20, £1.80. DF; £101,80. CSF; £77.61.

1.10 (1m) 1. Tendreuse (Stephen Davies. ES32.94.

Richards completes double

Placepot: £478.00.

Southwell

Going: standard

Long hundrap: Marella 8-2

Southwell yesterday.

Hill admitted to having backed his three winners Ten claiming Stakes.

ing Certain Way in the second division of the Friar Tuck Claiming Stakes.

6-1); 2, No Comebacia; (10-1); 3, Sugernar (16-1). Cresely 2-1 fey 15 ran. NR: Greetland Folly, 51, Ind. C Hill Toler, 15 30; 2-40, 12-60, 29-10. DF. 527-40 CSF: 283,95, Tricast: 2858,43

283.95. Trenst: \$859.43
1.40 (77) 1. Golden Klair (G Bardwell, 5-1);
2. Certian Wey (12-7); 3. Ment's Cuto (11-2); Festin 5-2 fav. 11 can. 254, 7t. C Hit.
10te: \$12.10, \$2.00, \$13.00, \$2.00 DF;
200.90 CSF; \$258.07. \$2.00 DF;
210 (201) 1. Qualitair Fitythian (G Mitchell, 11-8 fav); 2. Lord Advocate (12-1); 3. Moot Point (13-2) 9 ren. NFt. Fromenian, Krunprinz, 11, 5t. I Campbell, Total; \$2.80;
\$1.30, \$2.00, \$2.20, DF; \$1.4, 10, CSF;
\$16.50, Treast \$77.22.

E18 50. Indest £72.52.
All £87 1, Klairover (D Holland, 8-1): 2.
Alles Calculate (14-1); 3, Swinging Tich (8-1); 4, Saitherov (16-7). Au-Arrik 5-1 fav.
(148): 16 ran. 1f. 11 C HB. Tole £12.00; £2.60, £9.50, £9.50, £9.60 CSF: £110.83.
Tricast £653.04.

JAMESE EDSAUM.
3.10 (S) 1, Turuspome (O Peers, 9-2): 2, Broadstal's Beauty (S-1); 3, Jocks Joher (S-1); Pelacegale Gri 7-2 lay 15 ran 21, 154. S Norton. Tote: 28.00; 22.20, E3.70, E3.40. DF: £113.80. CSF: £45.87.

01: 2113.00. 2017: 24.30. 2 3.40 (St) 1. La Chie (S Wood, 14-1); 2. Peerage Prince (7-2 fav); 3, Doesyoudoes (20-1); 15 ran. Nft. Grand Time. 3, % Donopoudoes Tokes (14-40, 12-50, 51.8

GOING: GOOD 1.00 GREAT WESTERN NOVICES HURDLE (£3,018: 2m 6l) (12 runners) HIGH ALLTRIDE best My Capte 101 in a 14-romair matrice hardle at Cartele Com 4 T19yd, good to 2000. AWDERMATT 12 2nd of 22 to obtainly in a mounter hardle at Market Resen Com, good). LATE CUT 1894 4th of 21 to Obsessed in a novice boothe at Doricester in March 1999 (2m 44, more considered at Wellandby (2m 4f 110yd, good to final facility boothe at Doricester in March 1999 (2m 44, more considered at Wellandby (2m 4f 110yd, good to BETTING: 7-4 Castle Courageous, 11-4 Lady Gwennone, 4-1 Castleol Red, 10-1 Apsenore, 14-1 Mictol Story. 16-1 Vulpado, 20-1 oiturs. 1991: YOUNG HUSTLER 4-11-8 P Scadaroom (7-2) N Twestor-Davies 15 can 1.30 MIGHTINGALE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,846: 2m 5f) (7 runners) 4 F4U42-5 MEDFELDER 33 (D.F.S) (Bournstmann '6') P Hobbs 6-10-5 Pair Hobbs 52 5 1341:35 SHOULDER 33 (D.F.S) (Bloom 224 (D.F.S) (W Cool) May 3 Repair 7-10-2 M A Palgaratid (E. 27329-5 ZBMACHSET 27 (F.S.S) (P Malloy) A Burner 10-10-1 S Burnery 6-7 034412- PT FOR PRING 163 (C.D.BF.F.G.S) (F Chapman) Δ Burnery 6-10-0 P Hobby 90 PERSIAN HOUSE 2'é1 2nd of 8 to Fighting Words in a rowice chase at Westerby (2m 51, good). SOOD SECUL 20 lest of three thickers to Spottle in a 6-center rowice chase at Utensters (2m, good). SPEEK RLUTTER 20'84 5th of 11 to Threeoutshout Selection: PERSIAN HOUSE Long handeup: Fit Fit Fiting 9-12. BETTINE: 114 Medickin, 7-2 Gold Hamm. 4-1 Fir For Firing, 5-1 Parto Prince, 13-2 Green William. 12-1 Broughton Maner, 16-1 Zasconstoll. 1901: SPACIAL 7-11-11 B Powell (5-2) N Genete: 5 ran 2.00 WESSEX HANDICAP HURDLE (E3,275: 2m) (8 numers)

SETTING: 3-1 Martin's Son, 7-2 San Lorenzo, 4-1 Milesch, 9-2 Stateach, 7-1 Jenny The Gillle, 10-1 Sentinus, 16-1 Hedgewe Sid, 25-1 South Sands. 1981: EASY BLCX 4-10-3 C Manda (4-5 by) N Gazetez 8 cas

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(£3,	,262: 2n	15f) (13 runners)	
1	5P-1744	RABLAN ROAD 15 (CO.F.E) (Mrs. N Dudield) Mrs. P Dudleld B-11-15	
2	2-10310	MENERUCK 19 (CD.6) (Laty Sarah Clutton) Lady Harnes 6-11-6 E Nourphy	84
3	52015-3	BUCKINGHAM GATE 9 (D,G) (T Whitey) D Gardello 5-11-1 A Magning	-
4	32/0630	CHASEPAGNE RURI 9 (D.F.S) (T Connor) W 6 M Turner 7-11-1 M A Fizzperald	-
5	025010-	GLENGRIFFON 199 (6) (B Maylor) J Gribot 7-11-1 D Marphy	-
6	F1302-P	LA CIENAGA 15 (F.S) (Dube of Albeit) G Balting 8-11-1	-
7	323F-5	MAN ON THE LINE 15 (D.F.G) (L. Randal) R Alebus 9-11-7	-
. 8	18-	OSMOSIS 231 (F) (M MeDerzh) D Murray Sman 6-11-1	-
9		RIVER REEF 12 (A Meny) M Muspendor 6-11-1 C Lieuwillyn	
10	/83/1PS	TIPP MARINER 236 (5) (Mrs. J. Bishoot) S Sherwood 7-11-1	-
11	SAPTP-0	TROUBADOUR BOY 28 (M) (D) Peoplet) T Thomson Jones 5-11-1 H Dames	West.
12		WASHINGTONCROSSING 20 (Pel-mail Partners) A Turnel 6-11-1	
13	0055	RIMANUA BAY 306 (H Pury) K Bishop 5-10-9 R Breere (3)	-
BETT		uglan Road, 7-2 Tipp Manner, 9-2 La Clenega, 6-1 Buckingham Galo, 8-1 Membock, 12-1 oth	
		1991: MO CORRESPONDING RACE	

$3.00\,$ lord stalbridge memorial gold cup handicap chase (£4,305: 3m 11 110yd) (6 runners)

5 214-R3 ROCKTOR 14 (D.F.B.S) (Mrs. & Wistimson-Yuli) D Barros 7-11-3
3.30 BATCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,618: 2m) (13 runners)
1 2150-11 JAMES THE FIRST 16 (0.F.S) (0 Michals.) P Michals. 4-11-12 R Fentant (5) 84 297255-3 ROCKET LAUNCHER 14 (W O'Comman) D Essenth 6-11-11 Philips 49 3 US-88FP STROMS RREEZ 12 (MRS C Neyton 6 Polarin 8-11-14 Philips Hobbs 87

	(£1,618; 2m) (13 runners)
i	1 2150-11 JAMES THE FIRST 16 (0.F.S) (D Michola) P Historia 4-11-12 R Fentent (5) 84 2 29:255-9 ROCKET LAUNCHER 14 (N O'Gorman) D Eswerto 5-11-11 P Hodey 89
ı	3 LIS-82FP STROMG BREEZE 12 (Mrs C Hayton) C Popham B-11-4
ı	4 6-733P2 MINE'S AN ACE 16 (6) (D Barons) D Barons 5-17-4
I	5 OBS SMILINE CHEEF 14 (Mrs E Tucker) R Hodges 4-11-1 W Invies 87
i	6 02P-00 SAFE ARRIVAL 27 (Mrs R Hames) T Reddy 4-10-13 D Murphy 84
ı	7 2000- SAMT CIEL 12F (Tain Razing) F Jordan 4-10-12
1	8 OP4-F SPUR BAY 21 Mas E Hadrest Mrs. I Places 5-10-8
ı	9 4P1PF3 SYDNEY BARRY 8 (8) (P Jones) R Buckler 7-10-2
ı	10 DSDVSF-P ASBAAB 23 (Lavis Medicai Systems) Mrs. J Wommann 7-10-0 N Marm 80
i	11 00U40P- MELDON 212 (D Jenes) Mrs J Reder 5-10-0
1	12 B0000P/ OCTOBER WINOS 625 (R Hamaton) P Hobbs 6-10-0
ı	13 OP/SP-PO COUNTY CONTRACTOR 7 (R Hasbran Ltd) C Pophen 5-10-0 Linvagna -
ĺ	Long franciscop: Melston B-7, Ostaber Winds B-6, County Contractor B-2
1	BETTINGS 5-2 Sauti Cled, 3-1 James The Pircs, 6-1 Sydney Barry, 13-2 Mane's An Ace, 7-1 Spur Bay, 10-1 Accient Laucenter, 14-1 Smiling Chief, 20-1 others.

1881: WOODURATHER 5-11-10 P Scudimore (9-2) M Pipe 18 ran COURSE SPECIALISTS							
					TRAINERS Mis J Ploman D Murray Smith D Elsevoth T Forster A Turnell	White 22 5 21 11 6	Firms 53 17 90 64 38

☐ Stewards are inspecting its meeting on Monday, but Leicester at 11.30am tomorthe clerk of the course, Nick

row to see if racing can go
Lees, reports that the track is ahead on Friday. Leicester lost raceable at present.

User Friendly wins top Cartier award

USER Friendly, winner of three Oaks and the St Leger, is the Cartier awards Horse of the Year (Richard Evans

Bill Gredley's game homebred, narrowly beaten by Su-botica in the Arc. has also been voted the top three-year-old filly of the 1992 Flat season. Unlike last year, when the dual Derby winner, Generous, failed to collect the Horse of the Year award, this year's Cartier winners are unlikely to

cause controversy. Mr Brooks, who was put down after falling in the Breeders' Cup Sprint, won both the best oldest horse and the top sprinter categories. The prestigous awards, pre-

sented in London last night. are decided on a points basis by three equal components: group race performances, votes by 100 European racing journalists and a ballot of readers of Pacemaker Update and Thoroughbred Breeder. Winners two-year-old filly:

Lyric Fantasy: two-year-old colt: Zafonic; three-year-old filly: User Friendly; three-yearold colt: Rodrigo De Triano; older horse: Mr Brooks; sprimer: Mr Brooks; stayer: Drum Taps; US horse: A P

☐ The Home Secretary Kenneth Clarke yesterday confurned that Lord Wyatr of Weeford is to be re-appointed as chairman of the Horserace Totalisator Board for a further two years from May 1 1993.

LUDLOW

MANDARIN 12.50 Mr News. 1.20 Storm Alert. 1.50 Mister Feathers. 2.20 Alosaifi. 2.50 Tuffnut George. 3.20 Urban Cowboy. THUNDERER

12.50 Nr News. 1.20 Alan Ball. 1.50 Democratic Boy. 2.20 Donna's Token. 2.50 Helmar. 3.20 Cairney-RICHARD EVANS: 1.20 STORM ALERT (nep).

GOING: GOOD 12.50 P & T JONES NOVICES CLAIMING HANDICAP HURDLE (3-Y-0: £1,618: 2m) (5 runners) 13-8 Mr News, 7-2 Hove A Mighteap, 4-1 Parts The Key, 8-1 others.

1.20 FRANK GALLIERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,766: 2m) (6) Z. / DOI: 2011/ (c)
 6-11 STORM ALERT 19 (D.G.S) A Terroll 6-15-10 ________ S Mich
 4-211 BUSTON ROVER 7 (CD.F.G.S) O Berroll 7-11-2 (Fgt)
 M Brain

3 SSP3 MASTER SALESMAN 7 (D.F. 61 B Robinsh 9-10-9 B Storry 4 36-P ELITE BOY 17 (C.F.) Mrs. C Brack 19-10-3 J Pallen 5 -38-3 ACHI, TIBUE 16 (D.F.) T Tardey 8-10-0 D Gallaghov 6 US-3 ALAN BALL 33 (B.D.6) Mrs. S Wilso 6-10-0 W Marston (S) 11-8 Shorm Alert, 7-4 Suction Rover, 5-1 Misser Salamage, 18-1 selects.

1.50 PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (Arnateurs: \$2,749: 3m) (10)

1 5-48 ON YOUR WAY 35 (6.5) J Liegh 10-12-6 W Montan (7)
2 2PP- WHATS YOUR PROBLEM 190 (6.5) Mass H knight 9-11-2
3 -P13 Mass Fern 4 (D.F.B.S) R Orden 7-10-11 . Mass S Ducken (7)
6 -321 MOTER FEATHERS 34 (C.F.B.) J Nog 17-10-9 A Susseme (7)
5 PISP ANDMALOURESCRETARY 7 (B.F.B.) P Marking 6-10-6
1 Ducken (8)

11-4 Mater Feathers, 3-1 Mass Fern, 5-1 bemocratic Boy. 6-7 Pathly Burb. 8-1 What's Your Problem, 10-1 Sept House, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSPRS: S. Constan, 6 wavers from 20 unions, 30.0%, Mess H. Kongle, 3 from 13, 23.1%, p. Lee, 10 from 53, 18.7%, J. Edwards, 12 from 75, 16.0%, J. Kong, 5 from 34, 14.7%; R. Bridgender, 4 from 38, 14.3%.

DOCKEYS: W. Marsten, 5 wavers from from 12 rives, 41.7%; J. Osbone, 4 from 13, 20.8%, D. Gallegher, 3 from 13, 23.1%, R. Garst, 4 from 19, 21.1%; N. Welfarrson, 4 from 40, 10.8%, (Only qualifiers)

2.20 HUGHES CATERERS SELLING HURDLE

- 1	3452	JAMESTOWN BOY 10 (B,D,F,G) B Prests 4-11-8 R Davis	m
2	5800	THE HIDDEN CITY 27 (CD,G) C Triating 6-11-8 _ D Bridger	'n
3	5506	THAN RED LINE & (V.D.S) J. Jesting 8-11-8 M AN	en
4	39-4	ALOSALU 14 (D.G.) B Sievens 5-11-4 M Stevens	П
5	52/2	AMOUR DU SOIT 23 R Let 5-11-0 D To	×
6	5-PB	BOOKE BASHER 17 A Curts 9-11-0	ork.
7	0-69	GREEN'S SEAGO 17 J Hants 4-11-0 J A Ha	m
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71	FOP-	MY SON JOHN 211 J Psacock 9-11-0 J Bond	O
12	PP03	FIGHTING CHRISTINE 20 (BJD) R Juckes 5-10-13 N Juckes	n
13	0.06	DONNA'S TOKEN 27 R Brown 7-10-9 Mr J L Lineallyn	m
14	- 8	JEWEL OF THE MILE 54 J Thomas 4-10-9	4
15	O	MELL'S MAGE 19 Miss S Wilton 4-10-9 W Marston	(5)
16	060	POLLY'S LASS 22 J Bosley 8-10-9 M Bos	т
15-8	Messile.	. 5-1 Aprilus De Sole, 7-1 Mateur Chest, 8-1 Then Red Li	me.
		Constine, Green's Seago, 16-1 Jamestown Boy, 39-1 other:	
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2.50 ARCHITECTS HOVICES

-	JU	ANCHITECTS HUYICES CHASE
(£2,3	46: 2	m 4f) (13)
1	0-01	PRISCO CITY 42 (CD,E) 5 Chrotian 6-11-6 _ No M Rimon (7)
2	42-P	BALLAD RULER 17 P Protein 6-11-0
3	F-SR	CAN'T DISCLOSE 40 (B,F) Mirz H Knight 11-11-0 R Guest
4	0-50	DERAB 12 (8,5) S Sherwood 6-11-0 J Osburra
. 5	-3FT	HELMAR 12 (S) F Jordan 6-11-0 T Wal
6	- 0	JACK'S BARN 10 J Bosley 8-11-0 M Bosley
- 7	-172	LOWLANDS 37 Laty Buz Mays-Smith 6-11-0 J Raillon
		STERLING BUCK 8 G Yaudley 5-11-0
		THE HOLY GOLFER 12 D Gamdotho 5-11-0 G Upton
10	2-24	TUFFRATT GEORGE 21 J Pickering 5-11-0 D Bridgwater
13	3-4	WHERLING CONE B B Rothers 7-11-0 B Storey
12	P0-5	BOSSBURG 20 D McCam 5-10-9
13	2425	GALSTON LASS 14 J King 5-10-9 J Kerznegh
94 70	inut Ge	arge 3-1 Deads, 5-1 Frisco City, 7-1 Londards, 8-1 Whiting Cone.
10-1 H	वास.	14-1 Gilston Lass, 20-1 others.

		ÇLIVE OF INDIA NATIONAL KUNT NOVICES
HUH	ULE	(£1,302: 2m 5i 110yd) (11)
1	4122	COOMBESBURY LANE 28 (F) P Jones 6-11-1
2	8-96	CAPOEVIAGUNT 20 J Edwards 6-11-0
3	11-	CELTIC SAGE 220 D Esden 5-11-0 J McCarthy
4	5-26	DEET OF HOMOR 35 is Bridgingser 4-11-0 D Bridging
- 5	D-	FOOLISH FANTASY 229 Mrs & Ratclin 4-11-0 L Hervey
3		GRAIN MERCHANT 16 F Yardey 6-11-0
7	PGD-	JOE QUALITY 288 B Prespe 5-11-0 T V
8	0.30	LLES LE BUCFLOW 18 F Jordan 4-11-0 A O'Ha
9	700	PROJECT'S MATE 16 R Brown 5-11-0 J L Bro
10	7R2.	TRENTSIDE VALOUR 241 (V) C Smith 7-11-0 M Ran
11	1.23	URBAN COMBOY 22 C James 5-11-0 S Mck
2-7 D	under	bury Lame, 9-2 Listen Cowboy, 12-2 Grain Merchant, 6-1 Trents
Valour.	7-1 D	th Of Honor, 10-1 Caimeymoust, 30-1 others

Swiers earns third place

STEPHEN Swiers has finished third as Britain's representative in an international amateur riders' series.

The competition, which brings together jockeys from Europe to ride in races both on the Flat and over jumps, runs from January to November. Swiers rode three winners from 12 rides in the series.



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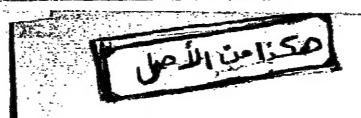
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Naughton at Epsom. Tole: £7-10; £1.90,
£2-60, £2-10. DF: £32-40. CSF: £77-45.

'O' The Bunch and Whispering Steel at Haydock yesterday. Last 'O' The Bunch readily accounted for his lone rival.

GORDON Richards, the Sure Metal's effort was in-Greystoke trainer, landed a vestigated by the stewards, short-priced double with Last who accepted trainer Donald McCain's explanation that the horse prefers good ground. Whispering Steel made it

two wins over the Haydock fences in a week with an Sure Metal, in the Wargrave impressive performance to Handicap Chase, coasting beat On Tap in the Earlstown Novices' Chase

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FOOTBALL

McMenemy's task gets tougher as England flop again

By LOUISE TAYLOR victory sealed by Aydin's 77th-

A month after losing 2-0 to

Norway at Peterborough, it

left England with next to no

chance of qualifying for the

finals of the Uefa under-21

As a club manager at South-ampton and Sunderland,

McMenemy was never one to

specialise in the production of

stagers, who did the job at Southampton yet failed at

always favoured experience to

youth doing in charge of the

The role is part of McMenemy's brief as Gra-

ham Taylor's assistant but the

and Alex Ferguson, the Uni-

ted manager, is prepared to take around half the £1.5

million he paid for him in

1989. "I don't anticipate any

Patrik Andersson, both 21.

down a move to the first

has since changed his mind.

yesterday. The climate in Rus-

sia over the winter will not

CSKA face Rangers in Bo-

chum on December 9, Mar-

seilles in Leverkusen on

March 3 and FC Bruges in

RUGBY UNION

Scots put faith in youth for sevens

The Scots, who field a collection of talented young-

sters, including Carl Hogg,

Gregor Townsend, Derek

Stark, David Millard, Mark

Appleson, have been drawn in

pool one alongside Canada, France and Orrell.

In pool four, England play

Hong Kong — a side they will

meet in their pool in the World

Cup in Scotland - Russia and

Ponsonby, a club from Auckland. New Zealand.

This is an important step in

Leverkusen on April 7.

group A games in Moscow.

Howard

England under-21s?

He preferred to rely on old

minute goal

championship.

young talent.

Sunderland.

Jones can find help

to pay record fine

VINNIE Jones learned last at Old Trafford for some time

LAWRIE McMenemy describes the England Under-21 team as a "conveyor belt" supplying talent for Graham Taylor's senior squad. After one win in their last seven matches, McMenemy's side shows few signs of fulfilling that function.

The latest setback came at Leyton Orient on Tuesday night when a 1-0 defeat for England - it could have been heavier - had Turkish flags fluttering on a chilly East End

evening.

Judging by the shapeless performance of the side, the outlook for the national side is similarly bleak.

Turkey's well-choreo-graphed display earned their country a first win against England at any level.

Technically streets ahead of their hosts, they deserved a has to be questioned.

night that there is nothing to

stop a third party paying some, or all, of his record

£20,000 Football Association

fine. It opens the way for

Video Vision, the company

which marketed the Soccer's

Hard Men tape that led to

Jones's fine, to ease the finan-

cial demands facing the Wim-

An FA spokesman said: "We don't mind who pays the

fine — it could be Jones, his

club or the video company —

just as long as we get the money." Bill Tennant, chair-

man of the video company,

was not available for comment

but David Livingstone, head

of worldwide marketing, said

the tape was on course for sales

Jones was paid £1,600 for

fronting the video but there

are no plans for a sales-related

bonus. Apart from the fine, he

was also given a six-month

Neil Webb, the Manchester

United midfield player, is

club, Nottingham Forest, for £800,000. The deal was held

up when he went into hospital

with an infection after being

Dubal: With the World Cup

sevens only five months away,

both England and Scotland -

trying to build up their experi-

ence and credibility - have

entered their national repre-

sentatives in the Dubai sevens.

starting here today (Chris

we should start our build-up

for the World Cup at Murray-

field early, hence our presence

here," the Scotland manager,

The SRU felt strongly that

Thau writes)

Webb has been out of favour

of over 100,000.

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bledon midfield player.

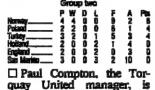
The England under-21 parand, while the period until Tuesday night was hardly long enough for a side to gel, it is reasonable to assume their set plays could have been well

Fifty per cent of all goals come from set-pieces but Eng-land have failed to score in their last two home fixtures. McMenemy blamed it on a lack of big centre forwards in the under-21 age bracket but such excuses do not wash.

As the Gary Lineker and Peter Beardsley attacking combination proved, hitting the target does not necessarily require a big target man.

Whatever size, forwards require quality crosses. A lack of them is a problem prevalent in English football.

For all their faults, Cambridge United are better than most at crossing the ball. It was thus no surprise that the most positive thing about England at Orient was the crosses from Neil Heaney, an Arsenal reserve player, who spent much of last season on loan at Cambridge



snags." Ferguson said. Leeds United made a profit quay United manager, is being reported to the Football of E508,565 last season, it was disclosed in the club accounts Association by Clive Wilkes, Wilkinson, the the referee, for allegedly using Leeds manager, is hoping to sign two of Sweden's World foul and abusive language to him after the 5-2 FA Cup Cup defenders. He has agreed defeat by Yeovil Town on a £1.1 million fee for the centre backs, Joachim Biorklund and Earlier in the season, Comp-

ton was "sent off" and fined £100 for coaching from the touchline against Northamp-Joe Allon, the Chelsea forward, will complete a record £275,000 transfer to Brentton Town. "I do not think it was ford today. Allon, 25, turned

necessary for the referee to division club on Tuesday but report me for what I said to him," Compton said.

"I'll have a good look at his report before deciding what to CSKA Moscow will play their three home matches in the European Cup quarter-Wilkes, who sent off two final group stages in Germany. Uefa announced

players and booked four others, is also reporting Torquay to the FA for a pitch invasion involving a linesman.

Roy Wegerle, the Blackburn Rovers forward, has been selected to play for the United States against AS Monaco in Monaco today.

our build-up," Chris Sheasby, the England captain, said

"We have a very good side

here, but we are missing

several important pieces. Ben. Clarke, Andy Harriman, Jus-

tin Cassell and David Scully

couldn't come for a variety of

Wales are represented by

their travelling club, Craw-shay's, play in pool three against Sri Lanka, the Ameri-

can Grizzlies and Oueensland.

the holders of the trophy.



Holding on: Bernard, of Scotland, left, tries everything to stay with Muzzi, of Italy, in the under-21 match yesterday

Scots' lion-hearted effort fruitless

Scotland Under-21...... Italy Under-21.....

THREE players by the name of Christian scored all the oals in this European under-21 match at Motherwell yesterday. But, unfortunately for Scotland, Italy had two to the home-team's one and escaped with a late victory against the run of play to further hamper the Scots' chances of qualifying for the

> Scotland, who now have only one point from three games, led through Crinstan Dailly's goal in the 25th minute. But Italy struck back

als yesterday moved to regain the confidence of their interna-tional athletes by admitting to a blunder over the selection of

the squad for the world cham-

pionships last winter and.

while clarifying policy for this season, promising they would do better (David Powell

writes). There was an outcry last winter when competitors

for the senior women's trial

were informed on the day of

the race that only the first three

finishers, instead of the first

four, would be selected for the

The decision was not the

best one in the circumstances,"

Ken Rickhuss, the chairman

team of six.

ATHLETICS

Officials admit blunder

over selection policy

BRITISH cross country offici- of the United Kingdom cross

the team.

second half, with Christian Panucci's equaliser followed by the winner from Christian Vieri in the final minute.

The Scots felt aggrieved that the scoreline failed to reflect the run of play. They had struck the crossbar, the post and had a penalty claim rejected before Italy made them pay for the lost

The Scotland players also claimed they were spat on during the match. Craig Brown, the coach, also unhappy with some of the Italians' tackling, said: "We were at the wrong end of some controversial decisions. "Some of the lads were

country commission said yesterday. Policy was abandoned

to allow Hayley Haining into

Confusion over this season's

policy arose when the commis-

sion was understood to have

adopted sudden-death trials,

the team places going to the leading athletes on the day. But Rickhuss said yesterday

that no such policy would be applied and that it had been a

misunderstanding. The first six men and the first four

women in the trials, at Corby

on February 6, would be selected, with the balance -

three men and two women -

being chosen by the selectors.

although it may sound silly to be proud when you've lost, I thought they handled them-selves very well."

Stephen Wright, the Scots' captain, whose mistake led to a last-minute goal, said: "A few of the lads were spat on. They complained to the refer-

ee, but nothing was done."
The Italians were given a torrid time for most of the 90 minutes in front of more than 6,000 supporters at Fir Park. Scotland opened the scoring from Wright's free kick. It was only partially cleared and the ball was returned to Dailly, who dragged it round the goalkeeper before tucking

Brown's team deserved for their first-half display, in which the Dundee United trio of Dailly, Andy McLaren and Gary Bollan were outstanding

But just as the game was oing smoothly for the Scots, ney came unstuck in the 56th minute after Darren Ferguson committed a foul 25 yards out. Genoa's powerful defender, Panucci, stepped up and curied a delightful free kick past Chris Reid for the equaliser. In the dying moments, Wright lost ion inside the box and Roberto Muzzi slipped the ball to Vieri, who beat Reid easily for the winner.

SNOOKER

Discipline **brings** reward for Hallett

BY PHIL YATES

MIKE Hallett, who has been out of sorts for a year, finally reproduced his form of early last season to reach the final 16 of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom Guildhall yesterday.

After winning the Scottish and Belgian masters in Sep-tember 1991, Hallett plummeted from eighth to seventeenth in the world rankings. On the evidence of his 9-3 fourth-round victory yesterday over the 1985 world champion. Dennis Taylor, the

Ironically, Hallett believes his recovery began seven weeks ago when he visited a Coventry cue factory and decided to try out a maple model that Taylor had rejected.

"It's a lovely piece of wood and I feel really comfortable with it," he said. Hallett broke a cue over his knee following a 5-0 quarter-final whitewash against Stephen Hendry in the 1990 Dubai Classic and gave another away in disgust after losing to Alan McManus in the first round of this year's world championship.

Told by Frank Callan, his coach, to adopt a more disciplined tempo, Hallett turned a 5-3 overnight lead into an untroubled win by taking the first four frames of the second session in only an hour with breaks of 30, 32, 54 and 35.

His opponent in the fifth round looked likely to be James Wattana, of Thailand. Wattana, a semi-finalist in the event last year, made five breaks over 40 as he established a 7-1 lead over Doug Mountjoy.

Darren Morgan, who has made little impression since reaching the final of the Regal Weish Open in February, recovered from 1-4 and 3-5 to beat Tony Drago, of Malta, 9-

Morgan, the world No. 15, won three frames in succession from 6-6, with runs of 46, 37, 94 and 46. RESULTS: Fourth round: M I th D Taylor (N lee), 9-3: D Morgs

YACHTING

Golding diverts for repairs

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN BUENOS AIRES

MIKE Golding and his crew on the yacht Group 4 Securities, who had been running in fifth place in the British Steel Challenge roundthe world race, suffered a broken forestay while racing alongside Heath Insured early yesterday and have been forced to divert to Florianopo-

lis in southern Brazil to make Golding reported that the bottle screw holding the forestay snapped shortly after 0300GMT as the yacht was beating into a 30-knot breeze. The break also caused damage to the yacht's headsail, but no one was injured and the mast stayed intact.

Last night, the crew was hopeful of reaching Florianapolis by midnight as its sponsor, Group 4, took up the challenge of collecting the spare parts from factories in Southampton and Notting-

ham, and flying them out to Brazil in time for yacht to rejoin the race later today. As John Chittenden, on Nuclear Electric, continued to set the pace yesterday, the Pride of Teesside, led by Ian MacGillivray, reported that problems with their desalination equipment experienced soon after the start from Rio last Sunday, had now been resolved and they would not

need to stop for water before

rounding Cape Horn next

Teesside pulled up from seventh to fourth overnight but the biggest jump yesterday was that performed by Rhone-Poulenc. Led by the skipper, Peter Phillips, this crew made most of the freer winds inshore to climb from last to third place and displace Commercial Union, which has slumped to ninth.

LEADING POSITIONS (et 1500GMT yesterday, with miles to Hobart): 1, Nuclear Sacric JJ Chitenden), 7,131; 2, Hobbrau Lager (P Goss), 7,140; 3, Rhone-Poulenc (P Philips), 7,152; 4, Pride of Teesade (f NacGilleray), 7,154; 6, Oopera & Lyrand (V Cherny), 7,163; 7, British Steel & (R Tudor), 7,165; 8, Inter Spray (P Jeffes), 7,176; 8, Commercial Union (R Marinevethre), 7,180; 10, Group 4 Securias (M Golding), 7,246.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Duncan Pattison, said.

Wales set up rare double

FOLLOWING England's se-lection of Alan Tait, the former Scotland rugby union full back, Wales have set up a second remarkable international double (Christopher Irvine writes). They have put Peter Williams, who won four England rugby union caps, on standby for the game against England at Swansea tomor-

Williams, 33, whose father played for Llanelli, was signed by Salford from Orrell five years ago. He made his last England appearance in the 1987 World Cup.

Davies through injury has given Williams his chance.

PARALYMPIC GAMES

British meet to assess

THIS weekend, the British Paralympic Association (BPA) will meet in Warwick for its debrief of the Games in Barce-Iona (Alix Ramsay writes). With only two years before the next winter Games, in Lillehammer, there is little time to put into practice the lessons learned in Spain.

in 1989 and had to develop quickly from a new charity to a national organising body with international responsibilities. We achieved the near impossible in getting a team to Barcelona with limited re-

The withdrawal of Jonathan sources," Tony Sainsbury, the team manager, said. "Now,

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Barcelona Games the BPA must step up a few notches. We have to overanticipate everyone's expecta-

tions to try and get it right." The athletes and their various disability groups will be represented at the conference, and Sainsbury hopes that the lines of communication between the organising commit-The BPA was formed only

tees will be opened.
One of the contentious issues to be raised in Warwick will be the selection procedures and who should govern entry to the Paralympics. We're such a strong coun-

try that this time [the Games in Barcelonal we left behind people who had reached the qualification standards," Sainsbury said. "We need to look at what happens to the promising youngster who needs experience but will not be a medal prospect for another four years."

FIXTURES

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First di-vision: Stoke v Notes County (7.0) OTHER SPORT SNOOKER: UK championships (Presson). TENNES: LTA women's challenger tour-nament (Notincham).

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Cowboys roping in their rivals

By RICHARD WETHERELL

THE Dallas Cowboys have settled a few scores in this NFL season. Philalphia Eagles, constant foes and perennial play-off contenders, may have won the first encounter by a convincing 3 I-7 but were battered in rare fashion in the rematch just four weeks later. The Detroit Lions won a

couple of best-forgotten matches (for Dallas) last year, 34-10 in the regular season and 38-6 in the play-offs. Sunday week ago they barely posed a threat, being out-played to the tune of 37-3. It took Dallas to the best record in the league, at that stage, 8-

Throw in a season-opening win against their biggest rivals, and Super Bowl champions, the Washington Redskins, and it is easy to see why Dallas, once dubbed "America's Team", are considered to be possibly the "Team of the Nineties" by no less an authority than Sports Illustrated.

It was not always thus. In 1989 the Cowboys won just once but, after courting much unpopularity, Jimmy Johnson, the coach, and Jerry Jones, the owner, have rebuilt the side around the likes of

Troy Aikman at quarterback, Michael Irvin, his prime receiver, and Emmitt Smith at running back. Texans have responded as eagerly to the new side built by the two "J. J.s" as they indulge in the "two-step", a curious dance that involves not lifting your feet off the ground and seemingly paying little attention to the musical beat.

There is now plenty of opportunity to partake in this because a travel company is offering people the chance to be a cowboy, and watch the Cowboys, with a guaranteed seat in the 65,000-capacity



Aikman: quarterback

Texas Stadium included in the four-day package.

Before the traveller gets pre-match entry to "The Cor-

ral", billed as the world's largest tailgate party with its beer, food, live music, TV screens and pneumatic waitresses, there is the whole cowboy experience to investigate. The home of Ross Perot and Mark Thatcher still plays on its Wild West past with several ranches catering for parties wishing to go back in time - to ride, tie calves and, of course, eat and drink.

While the Cowboys head the toughest division in the NFL despite an upset defeat at home to the Los Angeles Rams on Sunday, tourist attractions come a distant second in conversation. Locals who brag that the Cowboys are the best, have innate belief in all things Texan and that their football team, "America's team", is on its way to the Super Bowl in Pasadena in January.

□ Pro-Sports Travel (0746-765273) offer four-day trips to Dallas at £525 per person. American Airlines flight, hotel, match ticket and outings

Grunfeld to Ground down Rughy league: An attempt by Baria, governing body of the

play No. 1 in last eight

Amanda Grunfeld reached the quarter-finals of the Texaco Women's Challenger indoor tennis tournament at Nottingham with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over the Romanian, Ruxandra Dragomir, in the second round yesterday. She plays the No. 1 seed, Laura Golarsa, of Italy, today. Clare Wood, the remaining

Briton, lost 6-4, 6-4 after an error-strewn performance against Elena Makarova, the promising Russian 19-year-

Hall's incentive

Badminton: Darren Hall starts the defence of his Glasgow Carlton Scottish Open title at the Kelvin Hall needing to reach the quarter-finals to earn the 60 computer points that should ensure he qualifies for the world grand prix finals in Kuala Lumpur next month.

French stable

Yachting: France is setting up a "formula one" style stable for the 1995 America's Cup. Two yachts from the same team will contest the challenger series in San Diego.

amateur game, to stage its Cumbria cup final at a professional chib's ground, which is not permitted by the RFL, has failed. Instead of playing at the Whitehaven club's ground tomorrow, Kells and Hensingham will meet at the town's athletic stadium.

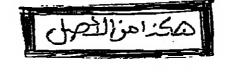
Ken Gray

Rughy union: Ken Gray, one of New Zealand's gr prop forwards, died of a heart attack in Wellington yesterday, aged 54. Gray was a key member of the great All Black sides from 1963 until 1969, gaining 50 caps. During his career, the side lost only two internationals.

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9.05 Kitroy A topical debate with Robert Kitroy-Silk (3344819)
9.45 Ross King hosts the quiz show (s) 157671611
10.00 News, regional news and weather (7590063) 10.05 Playdays (n) (s) (5966277) 10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick Anne Diamond and Nick Owen present romance, fashion and television previews (42341068) 12.15 Pebble Mill, with Judi Spiers (s) (9106277) 12.55 Regional news and weather (78236906)
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(2307426) 3.30 Bugs Bunny Cartoon (4539971) 3.40 Ready, Teddy, Go! Andi Peters presents a preview of this year's

Children in Need appeal (2920797)

4.05 Children's BBC: Star Pets Peter Simon with animal antics (s) (9101277) 4.15 Get Your Own Back Gwant versus Dorset (s) (9959682) 4.30 Kevin and Co Cornedy drama senes (Ceetax) (s) (3526 161) 4.55 Newsround (6824180) 5.05 Blue Peter News of the Smarties children's book prize (Ceefax) (s) (8910093) 5.35 Neighbours (f). (Ceefax) (s) (596682). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe (Ceefax)

Weather (703) 6.30 Regional news magazines (155) Northern Ireland Neighbours

7.00 Top of the Pops, introduced by Tony Dorbe (s) (1722) 7.30 EastEnders. The latest from Albert Square. (Ceelax) (s) (567)

8.00 Living Dangerously: Jaws - The Truth. The second of su programmes exploring the impact of human activity on wrighte follows the birth of a baby lemon shark. (Ceelav) (s) (4242)



Family fortunes: Diane Bull (centre) plays Annie (8.30pm)

8.30 Sitting Pretty: Anniversary Waitz

CHOICE. A new sitcom from John Sullivan of Only Foots and Horses leatures Diane Bull as Annie, a fortysomething from the mean streets of Bethnai Green who has made it, via a succession of sugar daddles, to a mock Tudor pile and an open-topped Mercedes. She is pretty unlikable, a snob, common as East End dirt and treasered to lord it over the rest of the Lamily — trum, dad and and prepared to lord it over the rest of the family — mum, dad and livin sister — who enjoy a more straitened trestyle. This opening episode is by way of a scene-setter, helped along by Sulliven's wry dialogue but with no clear indication of where the cornic thrust will ultimately lie. There are, however, hints that Armie's high living may be about to take a tumble. Perhaps then we shall discover that she has a heart and begin to like her more. (Caetax) (s) (6277)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (3971) 9.30 Smith and Jones. Comedy sketches with Mel Smith and Griff Rhys

Jones (Ceefa) (s) (77600) 10.00 One Foot in the Grave: Dramatic Fever, Victor and Margaret venture into amateur dramatics. Starting Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie ir). (Ceefax) (46242). Northern Ireland: Sportight 10.30 Question Time. Peter Sissons chairs the political discussion programme from Birmingham, Tonight's panellists are Lord Lawson of Blaby, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer; John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, Anna Vinton, the founder and cochairperson of the Reject Shop; and Peter Herbert, head of the Black Lawyers' Association (40426), Northern Ireland: One Foot in

he Grave (28890), 11:00 Question Time (34068)

11:30 Law and Order: Polson Ivy. American crime series. A veteran police officer accidentally shoots a black college student. With George Dzundza (r) (s) (511529). Northern Ireland: 12 00-12 45am Law and Order (3519204) 12:20am Westher (2598759)

2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (86391). Ends at 2.45

BBC2 8.00 Breakfast News (4427345)

8.15 Westminster. Parliamentary update (5605603) 9.00 Daytime on Two Educational programmes (23123258) 2.15 Advice Shop. How to obtain worker rights (3955967)

3.00 News and weather (9220258) tollowed by Westminster Live including prime minister's questions (7707451) 3.50 News and Weather (1526074) 4.00 Catchword. The word game with Paul Cora (5) (623)
4.30 Behind the Headlines. Tony Earlis and Lord Archer discuss.

politics (180) 5.00 Plunder Emma Freud invites Clive Anderson to pick his favourite

clips from the BBC archives (r) (6600) 5.30 Food and Drink visits Munich's Chicogriss in (s) (432) 6.00 Film: Tarzan and the Great River (1967) Evely but toutine advanture with Mike Henry as the lungic hete, averaging the death of a friend by the Amadonian expand men. Executed by Robert Day 193884) Wales Incide English 6.15 Italianosimo 6.30 Airmino

700 Advice Shop 7.30 First Sight compares the council tax payable by residents in the London boroughs of Wandsworth and Lambeth Northern trains. The European Challenge, Wales, Open Space, East, Matter of Fact, Midlands, The Midlands Report, North North East and North West. Close Up North, South Southern Eye, South West, Close Up, West, Close Up West (102)



An irreverent observer of Italian culture: Darlo Fo (8.00pm)

8.00 The Essential History of Europe: Italy CHOICE The potted historical tour or the European Community moves on to the land of Mussolini, the Renaissance and the Maha haves on to me land of wissomin the Henassance and the Maha and is given ineverent bite by the contributions of the playvinght. Dario Fo. Half an hour is a hopelessly short time in which to do anything but offer a few quick impressions, but within this stratigacket the film offers a stimulating overness which manages to be both affectionate and critical. Fo reckons that litary tends to suffer from exporting its best products (Roman chilisation. Chiraconer Columbust and having a stranger sense of exposure and products and having a stranger sense of exposure and products. Columbus) and having a stronger sense of con and village train nation, in lighter vern, and helped by action replays, rie analyses the

nation, in lighter veril, and helped by action rapiays, he analyses the way halian girls walk ("proud musical, elegant") and the way fishing menitum and google at them (s) (2884).

8.30 Top Gear Chris Gottey test drives new deset cars from Ortroen and Honda, and rally drivers Colin McRae and Roger Clark compete against one another (s) (4819).

9.00 Absolutely Fabulous: Fat Over-the-lop comedy series written by

and staming Jennifer Saunders as an alcoholic tashion PR. Vurh Joanna Lumley and Jane Horrocks (Ceefax) (\$) (1513) 9.30 We Have Ways of Making You Think: Selling Politics

American Style

CHOICE Media pundits reckon that if Abraham Lincoln had run for president in the television age his craggy countenance would have made him unelectable. This wonderfully entertaining survey of how American politics have been transformed by the box establishes beyond argument that a candidate's image is far more important than what comes out of his mouth. The ultimate example is Ronald Reagan. The master of the photo opportunity gave only one press conference during the whole of his 1984 campaign. The the press contented during me whole of his 1994 campaign. The film presents an alarming catalogue of how democracy is being undermined and trivialised by knocking copy, audience manipulation and the power of the chaque book. Can it happen here? In a postcript, American experts run their eyes over John Major's famous kipper-buying trip to Brixton. (Ceefax) 547884)

10.20 10 x 10: Slugs and Shaifs. Three women visiting a beauty salon discuss the pros and consiol men (r) (223-451)

10.30 Newshight with Jeremy Pavman (101426) 11.15 The Late Show. The arts and media programme (s) (178838) 11.55 Later with Jools Holland Music from Simply Red (s) (762971) 12.30am Behind the Headlines (as 4,30pm) (81778) 1.00 Weather (8717759) 1.10 Close 3.00 BBC Select, RCN update (r) (24914). Ends at 4.00

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the European Community (9598001)

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10.30 Woman's Hour interviews
Janet Gardner about what
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necessary to protect women:
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Correspondent
12.00 You and Yours with Roisin

12.25 Out of Order: Austin Mitchell

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reworking of the lale of Little Red Riding Hood (s) (r) 2.55 Little Redcape: Jill Graham reads the Grimms' fairy tale

3.00-4.00pm Bus Stop Live (FM only): Jenni Mils and Nick Bairer visit another fown 3.00 Prime Minister's Questions

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film about civil rights
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talks to the blues musician
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6.30 The Young Postmen, by Ben

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prospenty depends on the housing market 8.45 Does He Take Sugar?

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SATELLITE SKY ONE

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Twenty-lour hour news service SKY MOVIES+

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SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.30 Six O'Clock News
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RADIO 3

9.00 Composer of the Week Hugh Wood (String Quartet No 5, Cp 20 Fueutzer Quartet). Symptomy, Op 21 (BBC SO under Andrew Davis) 10.00 Morning Sequence:
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12.00 Chopin — The Great interpreters kinshan Emerman Stephen Plaistow wireduces the last of four programmes of works played the great Chopin planists in additional Grande Valse brillar in Ellist, Op 13, Waltz in Alfat, Op 54 No. 3 Fantasy in F Inner Op 49, Andante cruenate and Grande

peronaise brillante. Op 22 (r) 1.00pm News 1.05 Rodelinda Handel's three-act quera, to words by Nicola. norm oner a libretto by Accomp Salm, Passionately in lote, Rodelinda and Bertando are deprived of each other and ther threne by the tyrant Grimcelde Sung in Italian. With Barbara Schlick (soprano) a: Firdelinda, Queen of Lourbardy David Cordier (conster-tenor) as Berlando, disposed rung of Lombardy, Christoph Pregardien (tenor) as Grimoglido, the usurper. introfheu to Eduige, Claudia Schuttert (mezzo) as Eduige Gertando s sister har Wessel

Duke of Tunn, Gnmoaldo's accomplice, With La Stagione of Frankfurt under Michael Schneider 4.25 Schumann: Davidsbundlertanze, Op 6, performed by planist Paul Berkowitz (r)

5.00 in Tune Special edition for the BBC Children in Need appeal presented by Richard Baker, with isleners' requests surprise guests, competitions and more 7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra

Alexander Lazarev conducts komdorff (Sempre Tutti), Shostal-ovich (Symphony No 8.50 Jazz Times: The Battle of New Orleans. Another two minute stol devoted to the Louisiana

siol devoted to the Louisiana panier George Schmidt

8.55 Alicia de Larrocha: The pianist performs Haydh (Andante con vanacini in Fiminor, H XVI) 6, Un piccolo diversimento); Beethoven (Sonata in D. Op 28, Pastorall); Granados (Los Requietros; Coloquio en la reja; El Fandango de Candil); Quejas, o la mais y el niisenor. El o la maga y el ruisenor, El o is maga y et rusenor. El petete. Govescas) (r) 10.15 Mysterles of the Hammond. In the first of four programmes, Ben Watson compares the Hammond organ, first marketed in 1935, with the

orpe organ as played by Fals Waller, and reveals what it can sound like when played by the likes of Wild Bill Davis and Milh Buckner 10.45 Night Waves presented by Herminghe Lee, Features a first-night review from Manchester of The Odd Women, a new play adapted from George Gissing's novel exploring the

impact of feminist ideas on comen of the 1290s 11.30 Schubert and Schumann Songs: Margaret Price (soprano) and Graham Johnson (piano) perform Schubert (An die untergehende Sonne, Der Mondabend, Die Mainacht, In Freien, Der Morgenkuss, Die unge Nonne) and Schumann

(Liederkers, Op 39) (r)
12.30-12.35am News
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recurrier-tenori as Unuffo. Pertando's friend, Gotthold Scotland, as Rado 5 at 9am) 2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

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Withdrawals fail to halt N Zealand tour

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

Colombo: The New Zealand cricket players voted to contin-ue their tour of Sri Lanka yesterday, but without five players and the coach, Warren Lees, after the bomb explosion that killed five people outside the team's hotel on Monday.

The tour management, led by the chairman of New Zealand Cricket, Peter Mo-Dermott, persuaded the team to reverse a vote on Monday, when the majority of the 15man squad wanted to abandon the tour. McDermott had flown into Colombo on Tuesday night to try to salvage the

Players who wanted to return home were allowed to do so on compassionate grounds. Mark Greatbatch. Dipak Patel, Gavin Larsen, Rod Latham and Willie Watson, along with Lees, were scheduled to depart for New Zealand late yesterday.

McDermott said Lees would not be replaced. His duties will be shared by Crowe. Andrew Jones, the vice-captain, and another team member. Officials were busy contacting four playing replacements to join the tour party as soon as possible.

A local newspaper here quoted Allan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board, as saying that the "sad events" in Sri Lanka might have implications for England's brief tour

of the island in March. "Of course it would not have been very good for us if the New Zealand tour was cancelled, but I am sorry that some officials of the English board have said that Enpland's tour could be affected because of this incident," he said. It is thought that the tour management will be advised

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by the Foreign Office before making a decision.

Tyrone Fernando, president of the Sri Lankan cricket board, criticised Smith's comments, describing them as surprising and unfair. "I am surprised to hear this from people in London, who are having bombs explode almost every day. In fact, I feel unsafe to travel to London for the ICC meeting in January," Fernan-

The bomb, carried on a motorcycle by a Tamil suicide rider, killed navy commander Clancy Fernando, his driver and two aides on Monday as the New Zealand players were having breakfast.

Crowe, although personally prepared to stay, originally said the tour should be halted because some players were worried and would not be able to concentrate. But McDermon, after lengthy discussions with players and the team manager, Leif Dearsley, said the tour should not be cancelled because of financial and political ramifications.

McDermott said discussions were taking place with the Sri Lankan authorities as to when the tour should start. He added that an amended tour schedule of two Test matches and three one-day games, instead of the original eight-match itinerary, was being considered. The opening match of the tour, against a Sri Lanka Board XI at Kurunegala on Tuesday, was cancelled.

When New Zealand last toured, in April 1987, a bomb explosion near their hotel killed more than 100 people. The team cut short the tour and went home after one

Australia toured the island



Board room: Crowe, right, the New Zealand captain, passes time with Mark Plummer, the team physiotherapist, in the players' hotel yesterday

in September for a three-Test series, which they won 1-0. That tour passed off without incident.

Crowe warned New Zealand cricket followers not to expect too much from his depleted side. "I don't think anyone at home should expect this team to do anything fantastic in the next few weeks except give 100 per cent," he said. "The whole thing's been pressurised and I'm feeling it as much as anyone.

"I'm not happy about it because it is not our best side. No disrespect to the guys coming over, but they weren't picked in the first place." Larson said he was returning to his pregnant wife and three-year-old daughter

family is paramount". Defence analysts said that the bomb was probably to deter 2,500 foreign investors visiting Colombo this week for the island's biggest trade fair, which opened yesterday.

McDermott said the fact that the fair was held on schedule

had influenced the team's

Distress

call was

genuine

BY MALCOLM MCKEAG

HOPES for the safe discovery

of Mike Plant, the missing solo yachtsman, have faded

with the realisation that a

distress call made two weeks

ago and dismissed as a hoax

was probably from his boat

Plant left New York on October 16 to sail his 60-foot

singlehander. Covote, to Les

Sables d'Olonne, France, for

the Globe Challenge race, due

to start next weekend. Con-

cern arose when he was over-

due, but was tempered by the

belief that he had not used his

It has emerged that a dis-tress signal picked up two

weeks ago by Canadian coast-

guards was from Plant after

all. The call had not been

followed up because Plant

appears not to have registered

the beacon, which has a unique signal. Test calls of

Subsequent checking of

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Crowds prefer day-nights to Tests From Richard Streeton in bloemfontein, south africa

THERE are ominous signs for South African officials that the paying public here is following the worldwide trend by preferring day-night inter-nationals to five-day Test matches. Barely 30,000 at-tended the first Test in Durban against India and gate receipts were about £130,000

less than was hoped. In contrast, almost 30,000 tickets have been sold for the

ALLAN Lamb's appeal

against a £5,000 fine for

making unauthorised news-

paper allegations about Paki-

stan "ball-doctoring" will be

heard at Lord's tomorrow.

Lamb, who is playing in South

The appeal is to be heard by

a five-man Cricket Council

panel, chaired by Judge Des-

Africa, will

Wanderers in Johannesburg on December 12. Only 5,000 tickets have been sold for next week's Test match on the same ground. It is possible that the Transvaal Cricket Union may announce reductions today in

Test ticket prices. Locally it is still hoped that the South African public can be re-educated to enjoy Test matches after two decades without five-day games. "It is too early to draw definite

Cricketers' Association repre-

sentative. David Graveney.

Council investigation neither

cleared nor convicted the Paki-

stanis of ball-tampering, but

Lamb was ordered to appear

before the Test and County

Cricket Board (TCCB) for

breaking his contract by mak-

An International Cricket

captain of Durham.

Docrat, the Natal Cricket Union president, who had hoped that attendances for the Durhan Test would reach 60,000. This would have brought in about £240,000 bearing in mind various con-

cessional tickets. "In fact, we were unfortunate because in addition to losing the entire fourth day on Monday to rain, the Test

Lamb awaits Lord's hearing mond Perrett and including a ing the allegations without

> He had already been fined two weeks' wages and suspended for two matches by his county, Northamptonshire, when the TCCB's discipline committee added their

Counsel at the hearing.

The TCCB, as well as Lamb, will be represented by Queen's

academic year's examinations. Neither students nor school children attended in the numbers anticipated," Docrat said. Television fees and sponsorship were unaffected.

The Indians had a turbulent flight through sand storins across the Free State yesterday en route to this city, the country's judicial capital and the heartland of conservative Afrikaandom. They start a four-day game tomorrow against an Invitation XI which is made up of Test match

elopment programme. SOUTH AFRICAN INVITATION XI: C F Methress (captain), I Munch, M Yachad, M W Rushmere, A P Ruiper, R Wildraco, F Davids, M Badat, C J P G van ZA, R P Snell D Mcheim

☐ Richard Sterop, the Worcestershire left-arm spinner who wants to play first-class cricket regularly, has been released by the county. Stemp played 22 first-class matches and took 45 first-class wickets

at a cost of 32.87 runs apiece.

Acrimony . over France's coach

Paris: The former international full back, Pierre Villepreux, was being touted as a replace-ment for Pierre Berbizier as the national coach of France yesterday as controversy broke out in the aftermath of the home defeat against Argentina on Saturday.

Villepreux, internationally respected as one of the sport's leading coaches but long an outcast in his own country, said he was willing to listen to offers as acrimony broke out among national federation

On Monday, the general manager of the federation Robert Paparemborde, said that Berbizier and his assis tant, Christophe Mombet, had been dismissed. But the president, Bernard Lapasset, in England for International Rugby Football Board meet-ings, insisted he had not been consulted and that Berbizie remained in charge.

The issue is to be contested at a federation executive meeting on December 12, though Paparemborde's followers claim they have enough votes to win.

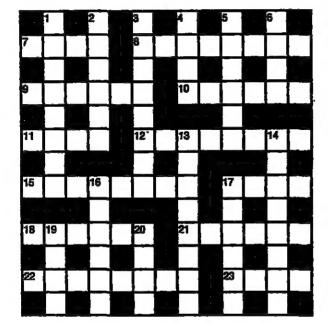
Villepreux, for years coach of the successful Toulouse chib, said he had been contacted by Paparemborde to work with Jean-Claude Skrela to restore France as a force in international rugby. Since Berbizier took charge a year ago, France have lost four of ten internationals, culminat-ing in the 24-20 defeat against Argentina in Nantes.

"I will listen," Villepreux said. "But Berbizier hasn't resigned and I'm waiting to see what they will propose. I am available — to listen. Only after that will I give my

Paparemborde also announced he would organise a trial match before the five nations' championship, reimpose a selection committee, instead of letting the coach choose the team, and announce teams at least one week before matches.

But Lapasset said he was disappointed by Paparemborde's unauthorised move and indicated a power struggle was likely at the meeting on December 12. Lapasset said he thought Paparemborde was trying to get even with people within the ledera-tion. "But I don't see why Pierre Berbizier and Christophe Mombet should pay the full price of our defeat," he added_(Reuter)

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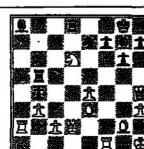
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WINNING MOVE By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is a variation from the game Spassky -Fischer, Belgrade (Game 20) 1992. White would like to capture the black rook on b5, but at the moment his knight is pinned against his queen. How does he resolve this



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WORD-WATCHING

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c. A two-fingered gesture of contempt RAMMIES a. Wild young drunks

Answers on page 43

By Philip Howard

c. Trousers a. An attractive young.

b. Father of an illegiti mate c. A lawyer LONG-SLEEVER a. A homosexnal b. A priest

c. A drink in a tall glass

Cowes has run full circle with the announcement vesterday that the club is to return to its former home on Castle Rock. The club was evicted two years ago when its clubhouse was bought by a developer, whose business is now in the hands of the receiver. A consortium, led by Pat Dyas, the admiral of the club, has bought the

Newman drops £12m bid from Lewis into the bin

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

THE negotiations for a world heavyweight title bout be-tween Riddick Bowe, the champion, and Lemox Lewis, of Britain, took a bizarre turn yesterday. Rock Newman, Bowe's manager, threw an offer of \$12 million from Frank Maloney, the manager of Lennox Lewis, the No. 1 contender, into the WPB (Waste Paper Basket) — and then added Herbie Hide, the Norwich heavyweight, to his list of likely opponents for Bowe's first defence.

It was Newman's version of lighting cigars with dollar bills. Speaking from his office Washington, Newman said: "Have I received an offer from Maloney? Let me see. Oh. Yeah. I have it." He read out the fax from London and then said: "Hey, Sri, what can you hear on the telephone?" Paper rustling?" I replied. feeling a bit like a character in a Pereiman and Fox script. "Yeah," Newman said, "it's unregistered beacons are not me screwing up Maloney's offer. And did you hear that?

sales records with the beacon's That's it falling into the garsuppliers reveal it to have been Plant's. The distress call was made from the area Plant was signed the letter of intent to last seen, south of St John's. make the first defence against Newfoundland, and at a time Lennox Lewis if Bowe won the of severe weather. title from Evander Holyfield The saga of the Royal last Friday. But after Bowe's Corinthian yacht club in victory, Newman has been insisting on having an easy voluntary defence before fac-

> him if he did not meet Lewis "It shows a lack of understanding on Maloney's part on how to do business," Newman continued, "sending an offer like this! He must

ing Lewis, even though the World Boxing Council (WBC)

has warned that it would strip

remember he's on the outside looking in. I represent the world heavyweight champion. not him. The offer from Maloney is nothing but a public relations exercise, \$12 million is nothing. When Riddick fights, the minimum he will make is \$18 million at the Mirage. Now, if Maloney was offering \$30 million or \$25 million I could say well it's an earnest offer, we can

Newman said he would be meeting Dan Duva, the promoter of last week's heavyweight title bout in Las Vegas, (who has three options on Bowe and two on Lewis), and Bob Arum, who promotes George Foreman: "If Maloney was to be in on the deal he should be there. There's still a chance of working something out to fight Lewis first, but the most likely scenario is that he will be

The list of first opponents that in the beginning included only George Fore-



Bruno added to it, has now grown to six to include Tom my Morrison, Michael Moorer, Ray Mercer and Hide. "What's Hide's record? Can you give me the number of his manager?" Newman said. "I am definitely interested in Bruno and I'll be talking to Mickey Duff. I spoke to Frank on Friday. He seemed very interested.

Newman still refuses to accept that the WBC will keep to its threat and strip Bowe. Never in the history of modern boxing has a world heavyweight champion been forced to make a mandatory defence in his first fight after winning the title," Newman said. "The WBC action would not be good for the title. It would break up the title and make Lewis a bastard

Maloney had hoped to put the bout on at Highbury or Old Trafford and calculated he would make about \$5 million from a gate of 40,000 and "millions more from television. HBO and Sky". He said: "If he's [Bowe] the world champion, he should be prepared to fight the No.1 contender. Bowe's running chicken. We feel we must keep the pressure on Bowe."

Far from feeling any desire to grab the million on the table and run, it seems highly unlikely that Maloney will be hearing from Newman in the

Maloney, who was not too confident about his offer being accepted by Newman when he made it, said: "He's crazy. If he were the president of the United States, he would declare war on the world."

